

**THE PEGASUS ACADEMY TRUST  
PART A**



**Minutes of the Whitehorse Junior School  
Academy Council Meeting  
Held at on Tuesday 3 May 2016 at 6.00pm**

**Present: -**

Nina Achenbach	Head of School	Present
Susannah Arthur	Parent MAC	Present
Steve Gadd	Staff MAC	Present
Audra Grey-Areben	Parent MAC	Present (arrived at 6.20pm)
Richard Hill (Chair)	Community MAC	Present
Nicole Malabre	Parent MAC	Apologies
Sophia Panchoo-Cohen	Parent MAC	Present (arrived at 7.15pm)
Jolyon Roberts	Executive Principal (Board Rep)	Present
John Watt	Staff MAC	Present
David Wood	Community MAC	Present (left at 7.15pm)

**Also present:**

Mel Brown - Governance Clerk

**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Nicole Malabre due to work commitments, due to family matters. The council accepted this apology.

**2. Confirmation of Quorum**

The meeting was declared quorate at 6.00pm with six of nine MACs in attendance.

**3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests**

MACs were asked to declare any pecuniary interests regarding the agenda items for this meeting. None were declared

**4. Academy Council Membership Changes**

There was one vacancy for a co-opted member. MACs were asked to consider the appointment of someone known to the Trust. It was agreed to discuss the potential candidate offline.

**Action: Richard, Nina and Jolyon**

## 5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair. The minutes were passed to the Head of School for the minute book.

## 6. Matters Arising from the Minutes / Action List

### Obtain the standard NGA subscription

The form had been completed and passed to the Director of Finance and Resources to process.

### Draft letter to Roger on behalf of the Council

Members agreed to present the letter to Roger at a forthcoming school event.

### Produce a flyer on the role of the MACs to be handed out at parents evening

Action complete.

### Organise a secondary school evening for parents to be held after Easter (Summer 1)

An initial discussion meeting had been held between Susannah and Sophia. Susannah advised the Council that Sophia would contact Nina to agree a date for something in June.

**Action:** Sophia Panchoo-Cohen

### Learning from CLPE review to be shared across the Trust

All learning had been integrated into the Trust improvement plan.

### Membership of the Academy Council to be added to the next agenda

Action complete.

### Agree a date for official opening of the Brigstock and Whitehorse buildings

Action complete.

## 7. Head of School Report

Nina presented the report which highlighted in detail pupil attainment and the interventions in place to close all identified gaps. MACs noted that it was impossible to indicate whether some of the interventions were successful as there was no comparative data available.

There was a focus on improving the performance of SEN children who were not yet "on track". MACs noted that years 3 and 5 had more pupil premium children than other year groups.

MACs asked about the widening attainment gap for BCRB boys in year 3, and were advised that this was attributable to a small number of pupils in this group who had behavioural problems which impacted on their learning. The sports mentor and learning mentor were working closely with this group and had made some impact. MACs noted that 97% of this group had made progress so far this year.

The year 4 and 5 data was discussed in detail and MACs noted the differences in attainment between some ethnic groups.

The additional PE and sports funding was overspent, which was normal given the variety of PE activities in place which included PPA activities, regular playtime support, team events and swimming coaching. MACs were pleased to hear of the success of the school swimming team.

Emma Chang gave an update on the impact of interventions and MACs noted that 77% of children in year 3 interventions were "on track", and that 26% of pupils in this group had not yet made any progress. In response to a question, MACs were advised that a significant proportion of this group had some areas of special needs.

MACs asked about the outcome of the teacher's self-review and the quality of marking, and were advised that teachers were not required to developmentally mark all pieces of work. Children were encouraged to self-mark and to take part in peer assessment. Marking stickers were also used to encourage deeper learning.

The results of the staff survey were very positive. An area for development was the use of planning sessions and DIACs. MACs noted this was an academy wide issue which Lynne was responding to. The parental questionnaire was live, and the results would be presented at the next meeting.

Members expressed concern about a couple of incidents of bad behaviour involving the same group of boys in Year 3, which were being managed using the Trust Behaviour Policy. MACs gave their full support to the school in this regard.

Attendance was above average at 96.9% and lateness was 0.9%.

MACs noted that lighting issues in years 4 and 6 were being resolved, and that facilities were investigating some minor building works.

MACs were pleased to note two new teachers had been recruited from the Croydon pool, and that another member of staff, Mrs O'Connor, would be returning to the school next year.

## **8. SIP Target Setting Visit**

The visit had taken place and targets were being set for the next academic year.

## **9. MAC Visits and Involvement**

There had been no visits since the last meeting

## **10. Correspondence to the Chair**

There were no items to report.

## **11. MAC Training and Development**

Audra had attended safeguarding a safeguarding course and provided feedback. Richard attended the Chairs meeting and a seminar regarding the changing landscape in education. Jolyon gave an overview of the conference held in April to discuss the national funding formula.

## **12. Meeting Impact**

As a result of the work of the Council, the Head of School and MACs were organising an open evening to assist parents and carers with secondary school options.

## **13. Confidential Staffing Matters**

There were no items for discussion under this section.

## **14. Any other Business**

MACs were pleased to note that Lynne Sampson had attended the Croydon Arts Festival in support of the school drum band.

## **15. Publication of Minutes**

It was agreed that, following approval by the Chair the Part A minutes could be made available for publication. There were no Part B minutes.

## **16. Meeting Dates**

The date of the next meeting date was noted to be on Tuesday 12 July 2016 at 6pm.

There being no further business for discussion the Chair thanked everyone for their contributions.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting	
Chair's signature	
Chair's name	
Date	