THE PEGASUS ACADEMY TRUST
PART A

Minutes of the Whitehorse Junior School
Academy Council Meeting
Held at on Wednesday 21 September 2016 at 6.00pm

Present: -

Nina Achenbach	Head of School	Present
Susannah Arthur	Parent MAC	Present
Steve Gadd	Staff MAC	Present (arr at 6.45pm)
Audra Grey-Areben	Parent MAC	Apologies
Richard Hill (Chair)	Community MAC	Present
Nicole Malabre	Parent MAC	Apologies
Sophia Panchoo-Cohen	Community MAC	Present (arr at 6.55pm)
Jolyon Roberts	Executive Principal	Present
John Watt	Staff MAC	Apologies
David Wood	Community MAC	Absent

Also present:

Mel Brown - Governance Clerk

1.   Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Audra Grey-Areben who was unwell, John Watt, due to work commitments, and Nicole Malabre, due to personal matters. These apologies were accepted.

2.   Confirmation of Quorum

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm with four of ten MACs in attendance.

3.   Election of Academy Council Chair and Vice-Chait 2016/17

The Clerk took the role of Chair and asked for nominations for the role.

Richard Hill was nominated by Nina Achenbach, which was seconded by Susannah Arthur. Richard was duly elected as Chair and took over the role of Chair.

Susannah Arthur nominated Audra Grey-Areben as Vice-Chair, which was seconded by Nina Achenbach.   Audra was duly elected as Vice-Chair.

4.   Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

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

MACs were asked to complete the annual declaration of pecuniary and personal interest form.
Action: MACs

5.   Academy Council Membership Changes

Sophia was nominated and elected as a Community MAC for a period of four years.

Nina Achenbach agreed to recruit a Brigstock parent MAC in accordance with the recently revised PAT governance arrangements.
Action: Nina Achenbach

MACs were asked to complete a new skills audit if there were amendments to the form they completed the previous year.
Action: MACs

6.   Pegasus Academy Trust Code of Conduct

The Code of Practice, a copy of which was contained in the papers, was circulated for MACs to sign.

7.   Minutes

Subject to changing "from" to "for" under section 11, the minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 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.

Jolyon Roberts gave an update in a number of areas and advised that the Quality Policy had been revised and being rolled out across the Trust. Following the parent questionnaire, the purchase of a scooter/bike shed has been added to the capital plan. Jolyon explained that the parents would be advised of the outcome of the survey, and any action taken, via the school newsletter.

MACs were pleased to note the remodelling of the year 3 play area was carried out over the summer holidays.

The impact of PPG funding would be presented at the next meeting.

8.   Matters Arising from the Minutes / Action List

Organise secondary school evening for parents

A date has not yet been agreed.

9. MAC Monitoring Role

The following responsibilities were agreed:

Areas	Lead
SEN	Audra Grey-Areben
CLA / safeguarding	Richard Hill / Audra Grey-Areben
Pupil premium	Susannah Arthur
PE funding	Sophia Panchoo-Cohen
Data monitoring	Nicole Malabre
Website	Richard Hill (to monitor across the Trust)

10. Correspondence to the Chair

There were no items for discussion under this section.

11. MAC Training and Development

MACs noted the Octavo training programme as circulated with the papers.

The Chair had attended Chair's briefing and a SEN training course. MAC's received an update in this regard.

MACs were reminded of the new safeguarding regulations, and in particular the requirements outlined in part two.

12. AOB

Head of School update

Nina gave an overview of the results and highlighted the following

- Progress measures in reading and writing are within confidence interval
- Progress measure in maths are currently just out of the confidence interval
- It is the first time that exceeding combined for more able children has been above national
- There is no trend in reading under-attainment (this was focus of SEF action plan 2015-16)
- Maths under-achievement was recognised as a potential issue, addressed in the 2015-16 Academy Improvement Plan (applied maths) and continues to be a Trust wide focus
- The results are above average for most groups
- Children leave the school secondary ready and are 'on track' to achieve 5 good GCSEs;
- The value added progress is often inhibited by the school's position as a separate junior school;
- When the school topped the Croydon league table, with 95% of our pupils achieving a combined L4+, progress was only

sig+ for the value added progress of one group (the lowest attainers) and most other groups were still below1.0

<u>Open weekend</u>

MACs noted the date of the open buildings weekend.

<u>School drive way</u>

A discussion was had concerning rubbish being dumped near the drive way into the car park. MACs thanked Sophia for investigating the matter and removing the rubbish.

13. Meeting Impact

The actions allocated to MACs, as contained in the Academy Improvement Plan, had an impact on the school. MACs agreed to continue to raise their profiles and skill set in order to make further contributions.

14. Meeting Dates

The 2016/17 meeting dates were noted.

The date of the next meeting date was noted to be on Monday 21 November 2016 at 6.00pm

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. Confidential Staffing Matters

There were no items for discussion under this section.

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

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

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