

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY

18:30 on Friday 29 January 2021 (by Zoom)

MINUTES

1. Apologies

All present; no apologies. Governors noted that staff governors were excused from the meeting given the conflict of interest with the agenda (head teacher recruitment), and welcomed Sandra as an observer and staff presence at the meeting.

2. Head teacher recruitment update

Governors thanked those who have been involved in shortlisting applicants, and welcomed the range and quality of applications received. All agreed that the recruitment process cannot be finalised until in-person interviews are possible, to give the opportunity to assess how potential candidates relate to children, staff and parents, and to give all candidates the opportunity to get a feel for LPS. To that end, the recruitment timetable will be suspended until schools have sufficiently re-opened. Current indications are that this could happen on 8 March, but governors recognised that the situation is fluid and that last-minute decisions are possible and not without precedent.

It was confirmed that June has up-to-date safer recruitment training, and that the recruitment panel is therefore compliant.

Governors discussed in detail the issues raised by the application process, the minutes of which were noted in a confidential annex.

3. Any other business

None.

4. Date of next meeting

Potential dates for a full governing body meeting will be circulated once the timeframe of the 2021-22 budgeting process is confirmed.