

LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN

WILLIAM ELLIS SCHOOL

Minutes of a meeting of the

Governing Body

held at the Mill, Dorking
on 29 June 2016 at 11.00am

Membership			
Abdi Ahmed	A	Pandora Kay-Kreizman	A
Richard Ault	IA	Vernon King	IA
Laura Concannon	A	Huw Meyrick	A
Ronke Coote		Fiona Millar - Chair	IA
Julia Eccleshare	IA	Daniel Monk	IA
Karen Dunnell	IA	Claire Ozkaya	A
Dr. Lee Elliot Major	IA	Imogen Sharp	IA
Georgia Gould	IA	Paul Tiffen	A
Professor Conor Gearty	A	Sam White – Head Teacher	IA
Omar Harmon	IA	Jonny Woolf	IA

IA – In Attendance, A – Apologies received, N – not in attendance, no apologies received

The meeting was quorate and started at 5.30pm.

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from: Abdi Ahmed, Laura Concannon, Conor Gearty, Claire Ozkaya, Pandora Kay-Kreizman, Huw Meyrick, Paul Tiffen.

Resolved: to accept apologies received for absence

Governors were welcomed to the Mill for this meeting. Omar showed some footage of the Mill as it was in 1930s from a Pathe news reel. This was before any bathroom wing or regard for Health & Safety! All washing was done in turns in the open air.

2. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Membership of the Governing Body

Vernon King was thanked for his contribution to the School in his role as a Governor, noting that he would be standing down as a Governor following this meeting. This means that there will be one foundation governor vacancy and one coopted governor vacancy.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2016 were agreed.

5. Matters arising

There were no matters arising and not on the agenda.

6. Chair's Notices and Actions

There were no actions or notices to report.

7. Headteacher's Report

The Headteacher presented his summer term report to Governors who made the following comments:

- it would be better if there was more consistency in the format of team leader reports
- comments about progress were too generic - more detail should be provided, including some data
- the sports report looked dynamic and Governors could see what the team was contributing to the whole school

8. School Self-Evaluation

Noted that Governors had reviewed the draft School Self-evaluation at the previous meeting and changes have been made based on Governor feedback and as a result of a "Whole Education" review.

The Headteacher summarised the findings of the Whole Education review which was informing both the self-evaluation and School Development Plan.

Comments from Governors:

- Governors questioned consistency issues. An example of inconsistency was highlighted by a parent governor whose son received very different amounts of information from subject teams or teachers in relation to preparation and information about assessments.
- Governors would like to know more about SIMS learning gateway and the information it provides for parents.
- It was proposed that the School Improvement Committee looked at homework at one meeting next academic year.

Governors agreed that they would like to look at the school development plan again in the Autumn meeting.

9. Governing Body Skills Audit

Governors considered the skills audit undertaken previously. The key areas where it was thought Governors might benefit included:

- change management
- the arts
- local business
- general business.

10. Date and Time of Future meetings

A schedule of 2016-17 Board and Committee meeting dates will be circulated shortly.

11. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

12. Confidential Business

There was no confidential business.

Signed.....

Date:.....

Chair of the Governing Body