

## **LETHBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**

**Company number 7685652**

***Minutes for the Full Governors' meeting held on  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 19.00***

*Our duties as governors are:*

- *to encourage all governors to contribute to all items discussed and speak freely and openly*
- *setting vision, ethos and strategic direction*
- *holding the Head Teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils*
- *overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent*
- *to respect confidentiality*
- *to declare any conflict of interest related to any agenda item*
- *to ensure that previously circulated papers have been read prior to the meeting.*

### **Supporting Papers**

None

#### **Attended by:**

Phil Ashdown PA (Chair)  
Lisa Mayes (LM)  
Christopher Hobson (CH)  
Jon Dearlove (JD)  
Emma Mann (EM)  
Chris Webb (CW)  
Nataley Fryer (NF)  
Carly Chew (CC)  
Caron Short (CS)  
Irene Fernow (IF)  
Alexia Davison (AD)  
Angela Mackenzie-Wilson (AMW)  
Laura Crosby (LC)  
Caron Short (CS)  
Claire Hammer (Cha)  
Fiona Wall (FW)

### **1) Welcome, apologies, declarations of interest**

PA welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received from Annette Shakespeare and Laura Smith

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### **2) Lydiard Park Academy Trust (LPAT) Presentation**

As part of considerations of joining a MAT we had invited LPAT to provide a presentation regarding their Academy and the benefits that this could bring both to Lethbridge Primary School and LPAT.

After a 40-minute presentations the Governors asked pertinent questions including but limited to CPD Plans, Ideal model Trust, Benefits to Lethbridge, Values, Collaboration, Supporting Swindon Education, Central Services and cost, Trust structure, Trust management, Management of Covid, Arts and Music Development.

### 3) MAT Decision

The meeting then discussed the relevant merits of LPAT and Blue Kite Academy Trust (BKAT) who had presented a week before together with the process of reviewing MATs in Swindon. After much deliberation the Governing Body was of the opinion that in future years the interests of Lethbridge Primary School would be better served by being part of a strong MAT and that this future should potentially be with the Blue Kite Academy Trust. It was noted there was a significant amount of due diligence to be undertaken before a final decision was made to commit to Lethbridge Primary School joining a MAT.

PA thanked everyone for their contribution in arriving at this decision and that he as an LM would arrange a meeting with BKAT to start the process

### 4) Close of Meeting at 8.45 pm

Minutes Agreed by :  29/11/2021