

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Corporation of Sunderland College held on Tuesday 21st November 2017 at 5.00 pm in Room 1.22, Bede Campus

PRESENT: Mr G Blyth, Mr T Crompton, Mrs A Hodgson, Mr R Lawson (Chair), Mr P McEldon, Mr J Parkinson, Mr R Saelzer and Ms E Thinnesen

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr N Harrett, Mr D Howells

CLERK: Martin Gershman

SpBd/17/01 APOLOGIES AND CONSENT FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies were received from and absence consented to from Mrs S Atkinson, Mr J Barnett, Ms E Bass, Mrs A Fellows, Mrs S Forster, Cllr C Gofton, Mr D Measor and Mr M Patton. The absence of Mr K Ramanathas was also consented to.

The Principal declared an interest in the following item as a member of the Board of Governors of the University of Sunderland and she took no further part in the consideration of this matter.

SpBd/17/02 CONFIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL MATTER

(Redacted)

CONFIDENTIAL

Agreed the report and minute remain confidential from public scrutiny for reasons of commercial sensitivity.

SpBd/17/03 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Principal informed governors that she had been contacted about the establishment of a free school for an age 5-16 96 place specialist ASD provision by the local authority (LA) in partnership with Sunderland Bridges School. A bid for funding would be submitted on Thursday. The College had been asked about being named in the bid as part of the partnership. She had discussed this with Mr Harrett and Ms Morton. The College did view SEND as part of its unique selling points. *A governor commented that this bid was certain to be approved and he asked how this fitted in with the College's other partnerships.* Another governor pointed out that this would utilise an empty site which the LA was under pressure to do something with. Governor agreed that the College could be named in the bid.

(Mr Parkinson left the meeting)

(Redacted)

Governors

- (i) Agreed that the College should be named as a partner in the bid by the LA and Sunderland Bridges School to establish a free school for specialist ASD provision.
- (ii) Noted that correspondence relating to a confidential matter would be shared with them.

SpBd/17/04 DATES, TIME AND VENUE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Future meetings would be held at **6:00 pm** on **Thursday 5th December 2017, Tuesday 6th February 2018, Tuesday 20th March 2018, Tuesday 15th May 2018 & Tuesday 3rd July 2018** in the Conference room at City Campus.

The meeting closed at 6:00 pm