

**Trust Board Confidential Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday 13 July 2023 – Teams**

**Present:** Paul Howieson (PH), Martin Copsey (MC), Justin Hughes (JH), Sue Bowen (SB), Brendan McCarthy (BMc) (Vice-Chair), Rick Thornton (RT), Jo Levasier (JL)

**In Attendance:** Hazel Serkis (HS), Minutes

**Apologies:** Louise Ellis (LE) (Chair), Brendan Mullany (BM), Kat Hearn (KH), Les Lane (LL)

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| 6.  | <p><b>CONFIDENTIAL MINUTE Strategy for Managing Falling Pupil Role</b> (document circulated with the agenda)</p> <p>PH explained that the falling pupil roll was a tangible issue and was not an even distribution amongst the schools. PH highlighted the potential financial impact on the measures taken to address this issue as outlined in the budget paper. If the measures were in place for 2024 then the end of year three position would increase by approx. £1m. Two areas highlighted for discussion were growth and premises.</p> <p><u>Growth</u> – The Academy Order had been awarded for Stoborough and Swanage, and both FGBs had formally met to consider the outcome of the consultation and had formally resolved to continue to join CLP. In September 2023 the applications for St Georges and Lulworth and Winfrith Primary Schools would go to the advisory Board.</p> <p><u>Premises</u> – Oakdale – PH positively supported the proposal that Linwood would take the Y3 wing of Oakdale school. Within the context of the falling roll issue this had helped to progress the discussions and was likely to be in place from 2024 and would generate £100k income for the Trust. The risk to this not happening was the leadership and governance within BCP. BCP SEN and the school were in favour for the move. PH had called a meeting of all parties to take place prior to the summer holidays to ensure the challenges could be highlighted and resolved.</p> |        |

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|     | <p><u>Corfe Castle Pre School</u> – PH explained that CLP needed to find a way to make the pre-school work otherwise it would not exist after two years which would be catastrophic for the Primary school. The main challenge for the pre-school was the increase in costs. How to resolve this would be considered further from September with a business case to be presented by the end of the year that would propose that Pre-school come under the leadership of the Primary school from September 2024.</p> <p>Q: Was the Pre-school the main feeder for the Primary school?</p> <p>This was a growing trend. The staff and committee members at their school were feeling more confident about the primary school and this was having a positive impact.</p> <p>Q: Was there any consultation with parents on this?</p> <p>Parent consultation had just concluded, and analysis was being undertaken, but there was support and a theme that this should have happened long ago. There were a number of questions that the Trust could not yet answer, and this would need to be well managed.</p> <p>Q: The pre-school had 40 children across all age groups and Corfe has a small intake so where do the children move onto?</p> <p>Stoborough, Swanage, Wareham. More analysis of this was needed.</p> <p>Q: The uncertainty about the ownership of the building, was this resolved?</p> <p>The solicitor was currently reviewing the lease and had suggested that it could be potentially legally complex. The preferred option would be for the preschool to be in the same building as the school.</p> <p>Q: Would CLP be able to influence the Purbeck schools admission numbers and PAN?</p> <p>If the four Purbeck schools joined CLP, then admissions would no longer be under the control of the LA. [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> |        |
| 13. | Items from LGBs (documents circulated with the agenda)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |        |
| 13a | Baden Powell – confidential item - it was confirmed that PH responded.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |        |

Meeting closed at 20:40

Next meeting: Thursday 19 October 2023

Minutes approved on: Thursday 19 October 2023