

LONDON BOROUGH OF REDBRIDGE

**ST BEDE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL
GOVERNING BODY**

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Governing Body held at the
School
on Thursday, 30 June 2016

PRESENT: Mr M Butcher (Chair) Mr P Imoh
 Mrs E Agbedo Mrs T Leiser
 Mr A Antoniewicz Mr G Nott (Head teacher)
 Mrs S Harrison Rev M O'Connor

In Attendance: Mrs T Lawlor Clerk

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

A Special Meeting of the Governing Body was arranged to consider and discuss the Brentwood Diocese Multi Academy Trusts (MATs) proposal.

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm.

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs Harrison.

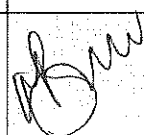
OUTLINE OF PROPOSALS

Two papers, one from the Brentwood Diocese Steering Group setting out a draft summary of the Diocesan Policy on Future School Structures and the other a note from the Meeting of Heads and Chairs of Governors held on 8th June 2016 detailing the characteristics of Diocesan School to School Support (S2S) Groups were circulated to governors.

The Chair advised the meeting that he and the Headteacher had attended the Diocesan meeting held on 8th June and that the other document circulated to them had been discussed at this meeting. Two models had been proposed by the Steering Group and schools were asked to make a decision about which one they wished to be part of.

At the meeting schools were organised into Deanery groups which then discussed between them what they thought a MAT as proposed by the Diocese might look like. It was noted that a further proposal being discussed within Redbridge was for a MAT based on clusters that schools already belonged to within the Borough; this would however mean Catholic and Maintained schools being together in a MAT. It was not known whether the Diocese had previously been aware of this proposal. The Headteacher reported that at a previous Redbridge Deanery meeting it had been suggested

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that Redbridge Deanery primary schools should form either a MAT or a S2S together. Some Headteachers were keener on this proposal than others.

All felt that this was a very exciting opportunity that had been presented to St Bede's.

It was noted that the new Diocesan Director of Education was due to start in his role the following day. The Headteacher said that there was not sufficient information at the present time to make a firm decision about the way forward for St Bede's; however, it was important to have this Governing Body meeting to get a sense of what governors views were on the proposals so far.

The Headteacher advised governors that he was due to meet with two of his Deanery colleague Headteachers the following day who had already expressed an interest in being in a MAT with St Bede's. He expressed the view however that it was unlikely that any firm decisions would be made by the Director and/or the Diocese in this respect until at least September. It was noted that the previous deadline for a decision in this respect had already been moved from September to December 2016. It was also noted that there were not any further Diocesan meetings timetabled in this respect at the moment.

It was proposed that governors should consider at this stage whether or not they would wish to support other Redbridge schools as part of a MAT as indicated in the Redbridge model. It was generally agreed that the preference would be for St Bede's to be part of a Catholic MAT or S2S.

After some further discussion it was proposed and agreed by governors that the Chair and Headteacher should be authorised to investigate further the various options proposed including which of our colleague Redbridge Catholic Deanery schools might be interested in going into a MAT with St Bede's. It was hoped that the situation would become clearer by September or October when governors would meet again to discuss this further.

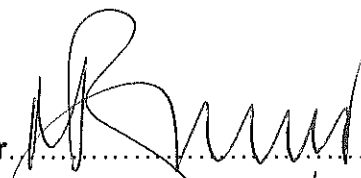
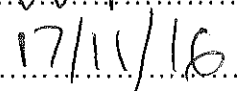
CONFIDENTIALITY

Governors were reminded of their responsibilities regarding the confidentiality of matters discussed at the meeting.

The meeting finished at 7.12pm.

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