

CHEADLE AND MARPLE COLLEGE CORPORATION MEETING

THURSDAY 07 JUNE 2018

MINUTES PART 1

PRESENT/ABSENT

Name	Governor type	'End of Term of Office' date	Present (P) / apologies (Ap)/ absent (A)
Jenny Singleton	Staff (Principal)	Ongoing	P
David Lambrick	Governor (Chair)	20/10/18	P
Clair Dyson	Governor	22/10/18	P
Alison Hewitt	Governor	12/07/19	P
Connor McAlorum	Governor	30/04/21	P
Adrian Clare	Governor	31/08/18	P
Arwa Thabit	Student Governor	10/07/18	Ap
Anne Marie Cripps	Staff Governor	23/10/18	Ap
Andrea McConchie	Parent Governor	15/07/19	Ap
Sandra Dunn	Staff Governor	23/10/18	Ap
Chris Alogba	Student Governor	10/07/18	Ap

IN ATTENDANCE

Matt Lenaghan Interim Director of Finance
Lydia Smith Interim Clerk to the Governors

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & WELCOME

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Arwa Thabit, Anne Marie Cripps, Andrea McConchie, Sandra Dunn, Chris Alogba and Sharon Burton.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Governors and Staff were asked to declare any interest which they may have in any of the items on the Agenda for this meeting.

No declarations were made.

3. CORPORATION MINUTES OF 08 MARCH 18
MATTERS OF ACCURACY

There was one matter of accuracy. Governors approved the minutes subject to its correction.

	Actions or Resolutions	Owner	Timescale
R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of meeting held 26 April 18 approved as an accurate record subject to one amendment 	Governors	07 June 18
R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes authorised for publication in accordance with the College Instrument and Articles 	Governors	07 June 18

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CORPORATION MINUTES OF 26 APRIL 18

Item 4, Matters Arising from Corporation Minutes of 26 April 18

It remains unclear whether the Oxbridge STEP tutoring was provided.

There were no other matters arising.

5. CONFERENCE UPDATE

The Chair informed Governors that, following the visit of Richard Atkins, FE Commissioner, on May 21st, it had now been formally agreed to pursue the Federation of Hope proposal between CAMSFC, Saint Mary’s College (SMC) and Liverpool Hope University (LHU).

The Principal explained that the Commissioner’s role was to examine the key risks facing the College in entering the Federation and to make impartial recommendations to the Minister for Education. His response to the Federation model was very supportive, praising “the innovative and creative proposal”, and he approved it as a way forward for both Colleges. A formal notice of approval from the DfE is expected to be received shortly. Providing the recommendations of the Area Review can be changed, the Principal is hopeful that the College will be able to access TU grant funding. The Commissioner expressed some concern at apprenticeship projections, which he felt to be over ambitious, and will be returning to CAMSFC in November to review them.

Over the half term holiday Matt Lenaghan, Interim Director of Finance, and Kevin Shaw, Interim Apprenticeships Manager, met with Lisa Gallagher from the ESFA to discuss strategy and approach in regard to apprenticeships. The different levels of financial modelling used to mitigate risks were shared with her and initial feedback was good. The FE Commissioner did, however, recommend that the extended notice period for the CEO (twelve months), proposed as a risk mitigation measure, be reduced to the standard six months.

6. PRINCIPAL/CEO REPORT, Part 1

The Principal/CEO Report was circulated to Governors before the meeting and the following points were raised/highlighted in discussion:

Student Progress

Final Year 13 health checks are taking place with the Assistant Principal Quality, Teaching, Learning and Assessment, the Deputy Principal and Heads of Area and House. Predicted grades for A Level and BTec are being run through ALPS with current projections showing an improvement on last year.

Attendance

Student attendance has remained consistent with previous reports. Attendance at Cheadle for the year to date is 91.5%, representing a drop of 0.3% in comparison to the end of 2016/17. At Marple the figure is 94.4%, over 1% higher than at the end of 2016/17. Nick Allen's 'Sixth Dimensions' report into GCSE qualifications within Sixth Form Colleges was released this week. It was interesting to note that national average attendance in GCSE English within Sixth Form Colleges is 84.3% and 82.4% in GCSE Maths. The year to date attendance in GCSE English at Cheadle is 88.5% and 95.8% at Marple and in GCSE Maths at Cheadle is 87% and 87.5% at Marple, all of which significantly exceed the national average.

Retention

At 90.3%, Level 1 retention is slightly below the target of 92%, mainly because of exclusions and some issues in regard to Choices students;

Level 2 retention is currently at 93.7% against a target of 92%;

Level 3 retention is 2.6% below target but this figure includes students where apprenticeship destinations are unknown and could improve – final figures will be reported to Governors at the Corporation meeting in July;

19+ retention levels remain unchanged since April.

The Principal advised Governors that withdrawals tend to spike at different times in Cheadle and in Marple and that month by month analysis will be undertaken to try to better understand the risk elements.

Estates Upgrade

The student toilets at Marple have been refurbished and represent a significant improvement on the previous facilities. Staff toilets will be refurbished over the summer break.

Q Have percussion taps been fitted to prevent water waste/blocking of sinks?

The Principal was unsure, but will investigate.

Duke of Edinburgh's (DoE) Award Practice Expedition

The first DoE expedition from the College in over ten years took place in May, led by co-ordinators Anthony Osborne and Andrea Allen. The event was very successful, the students were a credit to the College and participants are looking forward to the qualifier in June.

Q Does the College have enough volunteers?

The response from staff has been very good.

Visits to College

Rodolfo Borrell, a senior member of the coaching team at Manchester City, recently visited the College and talked to Football Excellence students for over an hour and a half. His visit was very well received.

7. COLLEGE IMPROVEMENT ISSUES

7.1 Finance and Resources

Details of Finance and Resources are contained in a Confidential Appendix to these minutes which are not for release into the public domain.

8. AOB

There were no items raised for discussion.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 5th July at 5.30pm

Signed

(Chair)

Dated