



**Thomas Hardye School**  
**1<sup>st</sup> July 2015**  
**Governing Body Meeting**

**Present:** Garry Batt, Iain Cornell, Mike Faulkner, Mike Foley, Tim Gallego, Roger Kirby, Teresa Macklin, Martin Baker, Simon Conibear, Wendy Holden, Graham Mounce, Tony Foot,

**Apologies:** Sheila Johns, David Grassby, Hugh Griffiths, Karen Weir, Laura Cheney, Lynne Cove

**Clerk:** Tony Day

Item	Minutes	Action
14/138	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graham Mounce, Tony Foot and Simon Conibear tendered their declarations of business interest with regard to their Zero C and Duchy of Cornwall positions, respectively.</li> </ul>	
14/139.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chairman commented upon the presentation evening which he felt had been fantastic. The speaker, Kate Adie, was extremely good and Mr Batt expressed his congratulations to the Headteacher and all staff, and those students who had done so extremely well. He expressed his gratitude and great appreciation also, to Bridget Buck, for her painstaking work in organising matters.</li> </ul>	
14/139.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chairman informed Governors that regrettably this was Graham Mounce's last meeting as a Governor, and Mr. Batt expressed his warmest thanks for all that Graham had contributed to the Governing Body, since 2000. He reminded Governors that Mr Mounce held the record and accolade for having held the shortest Governors' meeting ever. Mr Mounce had always conducted business in a very constructive fashion, with efficiency and to the point, and Governors applauded his service.</li> </ul>	
14/139.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Governors were reminded that the present Clerk would cease full time employment this year and carry out part time employment for the following year.</li> </ul>	
14/140	<p><b>Minutes of 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015</b> were approved and signed.</p>	
14/141	<p><b>Matters arising:</b>            14/102.5 Mr Gallego confirmed that this had been satisfactorily fulfilled.</p>	
14/142	<p><b>Reports of the Committees</b></p>	
14/142.1	<p>a) Mr Kirby moved the report of the Learning and Community Committee of the 8<sup>th</sup> June.</p>	
14/142.2	<p>b) Mr Mounce moved the report of the Finance Committee of the 18<sup>th</sup> June. The Chairman of Governors spoke in respect of the proposed amalgamation of the P&amp;R and Finance Committees and it was agreed that Mr Batt and the Clerk would review the staffing of this particular new committee.</p> <p>Mr Foley will write to Oliver Letwin and also the Secretary of State respecting the funding formula being applied to the school which gives cause for concern. It was felt also, that pressure might be exerted upon our local MPs; Mrs Holden expressed the view that it might be worth Governors writing individually.</p>	<p>GB/AD</p> <p>MF</p>

14/142.3	<p>The Headteachers' Association was also challenging the governmental strictures that presented major concern for the school. The staff's Cost budget will need to be looked at particularly, and Mrs Macklin expressed concern about reductions relating to the sixth form. The Headteacher responded that this was not being done yet.</p> <p>c) Mr Baker moved the report of the Personnel and Resources Committee of the 17<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p>The imminent prospect of solar panels being affixed to the Science Block roof under the County Council's Renewable Energy Development Scheme was discussed. Following discussion, the Governors agreed that this should be pursued as planned, in conjunction with the Development Officer, Pete West, and that the Thomas Hardye Foundation might be invited to consider a broadening of the current plan upon a separate roof(s). The Clerk would arrange for Humphries Kirk to consider the proposal from the legal perspective.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Reports of the Committees were formally adopted.</li> </ul>	AD
14/143	<p><b>Phase VI</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Clerk reported that the dealing with snagging issues by Morgan Sindall was continuing. He circulated his perception at present following a visit by the Finance Manager and himself to the Quantity Surveyor's office recently, in Exeter.</li> <li>He circulated details of figures appertaining to the initial costings and the extra costs now being realised in respect of matters that fall a) 'within contract' and b) those outside of contract including the chair store, legionella works, cabins and storage rental and new equipment. Those sums show a current potential deficit of a) £29,604 and b) £102,224.</li> <li>Further construction deficiencies had been discovered following the ingress of water and these are being attended to by the contractor. The Clerk held a meeting with the Design Team respecting substantial concern over the receipt of a further Extension of Time request and will take further advice in this matter.</li> </ul>	AD
14/144	<p><b>Budget 15/16</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Governors approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee to ratify the budget set out for the 2015/16 academic year.</li> </ul>	
14/145	<p><b>Estates Strategy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Clerk reported upon the visit he had received from representatives of the EFA which Mr Conibear had attended also, and other matters appertaining to the school's estate and fabric.</li> </ul>	
14/146 14/146.1  14/146.2  14/146.3  14/146.4	<p><b>Headteacher's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Headteacher commented in respect of the report he had circulated, mentioning particularly, the sixth form curriculum strategy and the need to return to the question of the admissions policy early in the forthcoming school year.</li> <li>The school's art exhibition was, again, a fantastic spectacle, and some artworks had been shortlisted for recognition by the Saatchi Gallery in London.</li> <li>The Headteacher said that practice interviews recently undertaken, involving Governors and other outside contacts had been excellent and he thanked Mr Kirby for orchestrating this, and the Governors that had been involved.</li> <li>Mr Foley spoke of the recent extremely tragic death of a parent and how wonderfully supportive sixth formers had been to the gentleman's</li> </ul>	

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<b>14/147</b>	<b>Matters for the next meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Admissions policy for 2017/18</li> </ul>	
	<b>Any other business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Chairman's Comments</b> – Mr Batt closed the meeting and thanked very much, all the Governors and the staff for their wonderful work during the year and particularly, the culmination of another Outstanding result from the school's Ofsted inspection.</li> </ul>	

### Action Log

Person	Action	Timing	Outcome/Update
Garry Batt and Tony Day	Mr Batt and the Clerk to review membership of Governors' Committees	23/09/2015	
Mike Foley	Mr Foley will write to Oliver Letwin and also the Secretary of State respecting the funding formula for schools	23/09/2015	
Tony Day	The Clerk would arrange for Humphries Kirk to consider the solar panel proposal from the legal perspective.	asap	13/07/2015: Minor amendments made by HK and agreed by Pete West, Development Officer, DCC
Tony Day	The Clerk to take further advice respecting the current situation of Morgan Sindall and Phase VI.	asap	