



Notes of Meeting: London Advisory Board

20 April 2023

Attendance

Attendance data is published annually on the GOV.UK website.

AB members who sent their apologies for the meeting have, where possible, been consulted on all projects before the meeting. Their views are reflected in the discussion at the meeting (where appropriate). This excludes items where that member declared a conflict of interest.

Regional Director (RD) chair

- Claire Burton

Advisory Board (AB) members

- Cassie Buchanan
- Rama Venchard
- Gill Ball
- Susan Douglas
- Emma Bradshaw
- Vanessa Ogden
- Penny Barratt

Guests

- None

Apologies

- Lee Mason-Ellis

DfE senior civil servants

- Anna Barker
- Alan Parnum

Representations received

- No representations were made for any items discussed at this meeting.

General Discussion Points

RD update

- Minutes of last meeting agreed.

Discussion topic

- Discussed teacher recruitment and retentions and role of teaching school hubs.

Significant Change

Points discussed in relation to significant changes application(s).

Project: JFK Special School (part of Learning in Harmony MAT), Newham - increasing capacity from 60 to 100

AB discussion: JFK Special School opened in 2014. It is part of the Learning in Harmony MAT, a trust comprising of ten schools, the other nine of which are Primary schools in Newham (5), Islington (1) and Southend (4). JFK operates through four school sites at Stratford, Plaistow, North Woolwich and Beckton. It offers all-through provision for pupils aged 4-19 and has current capacity for 163 pupils.

The proposed expansion relates to the Beckton site which currently caters for students aged 11-19 with Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties (PMLD) and Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC).

Board members felt this was a sound application and supported the proposal.

RD decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: No further action needed.

Trust Change

Points discussed in relation to academies moving to another trust.

Project: Oaklands Primary Academy (SAT), Bromley – to join Chancery Education Trust

AB discussion: Oaklands Primary Academy is a 3 form entry single academy trust with 475 pupils in 7 year groups.

Chancery Education Trust (CET) established in 2015 is a MAT consisting of three schools: Darrick Wood Infant and Nursery School, John Wood School & Nursery, and Pickhurst Academy.

Transferring to CET will allow Oaklands to benefit from CET's financial stability and governance structure.

The Board discussed CET's growth plan and capacity to take on new schools.

RD decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: No further action needed.

Decisions taken between AB meetings

List of decisions taken by the RD outside of AB meetings.

Project: St Michael's East Wickham Church of England Primary School, Bexley (part of Southwark Diocesan Board of Education MAT) - addition of nursery provision

Decision type: Significant change

RD decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: No further action required.

Project: Compass School Southwark, Southwark - to join The Charter Schools Education Trust

Decision type: Trust change

RD decision: Approve

Conflicts: None

Further actions required: No further action required.

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