

Minutes of School Improvement Sub-Committee meeting

Date:	24 August 2023	Time:	09:30 – 10:30
Location:	Teams	Clerk:	Sara Peck (Clerk)
Present:	Janet Renou, Committee Chair and Trustee Julius Weinberg, Chair of Trustees Peter Komolafe, Adviser Karen Bramwell, Trustee Nick Hudson, Trustee and CEO Tom Rees, Trustee and CEO Designate		
In attendance:	Rob Pritchard, National Director of Education Jo Dawson, National Director of Finance and Strategy		
Apologies:	Sunita Yardley-Patel, Head of Governance Peter Murray, Founding Chair, Ormiston Trust		

	Item	Action
1.	Welcome and apologies	
	<p>The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and thanked the National Director of Education and his team for the information and data provided in a short space of time.</p> <p>Apologies received from Sunita Yardley-Patel and Peter Murray.</p> <p>Action: The Chair asked for the minutes of the last meeting to be taken as read.</p>	ESB
2.	2023 Results – Primary and Secondary	
	<p>The Executive Summary had been provided prior to the meeting via Onboard.</p> <p>The results will be published at 0900 hours today, but a headline summary was provided by the National Director of Education. A further appendix will be uploaded to Onboard for Trustees to view.</p> <p>Primary Results</p> <p>The primary results were shared with attendees, providing an overview for each academy.</p> <p>Action: EWOA to be added to November agenda for overview.</p>	ESB

Trustees asked if it would be possible, in the future, to see data for each school, including achievements of disadvantaged and high performers outcomes, and how the Trust responds.

The National Director of Education confirmed that education data is analysed at a granular level, with the whole range of students.

The CEO confirmed that the new Primary Director had made a massive impact and it had been profound.

Secondary Results

This year is the first set of standard exams since 2019 (pre Covid-19), there is a distinct change to the number of disadvantaged students, and growth in the number SEND children.

KS4

This cohort has been impacted during year 9 and year 10 due to Covid-19. There are now more than 1,200 children in year 11, 5% more disadvantaged.

The National Director of Education shared attendance levels with Trustees.

Trustees asked why absence as at such a high level.

The National Director of Education confirmed that there are a number of issues with SEND support and mental health. OAT is working with the DFE in regard to the attendance hubs. There are specific categories of children who are severely absent which are SEND and disadvantaged.

The Adviser to OAT confirmed that he would be happy to assist regarding engagement and agreed to discuss this further outside of the meeting with the National Director of Education.

Trustees reflected that high absence figures may highlight safeguarding concerns.

The National Director of Education confirmed that schools are closely monitoring attendance and working to get students into school and identified that there are limited services available through the Local Authority to support academies.

The CEO confirmed that the Executive team will be meeting to focus on safeguarding and attendance and going forward to have the space to engage with the Board at future meetings.

KS5

The National Director of Education shared KS5 results for academies across the Trust.

The Chair acknowledged that A/B grades had increased over a 3-year period.

Trustees asked how the performance results this year compare to TAGs from last year.

	<p>The National Director of Education confirmed that moderation systems were in place last year to help moderate grades, and that the Trust had done all it could under the circumstances.</p> <p>Action: Trustees asked that attendance be added as a standing item on future agendas.</p> <p>Trustees thanked the National Director of Education for the quick turnaround, in order to provide the information for the meeting.</p> <p>Trustees took a moment to bid farewell to the CEO and thanked him for all his efforts during his time with the Trust.</p>	<p>ESB</p>
<p>The next meeting will take place Thursday 16 November 2023</p>		

Table of actions arising from this meeting:		
1	June Minutes - The Chair asked for the minutes of the last meeting to be taken as read.	ESB
2	EWOA to be added to the November meeting agenda.	ESB
2	Attendance to feature as a standing agenda item.	ESB