



The Fields Nursery School, Galfrid Road, Cambridge, CB5 8ND

Minutes of the Meeting of the Governing Body
Thursday 25th March 2021 at 6.30pm

<u>Present:</u>	Mrs Gloria Reed	GR	Chair of Governors
	Dr Valerie Ashton	VA	Co-opted Governor
	Ms Florence Blagden	FB	Co-opted Governor
	Mrs Ruth Holman	RH	Acting Head
	Dr Luisa Pedro	LP	Parent Governor
	Mr Simon Sykes	SS	Co-opted Governor
	Ms Carmile Trancoso-Gordon	CTG	Parent Governor
	Mrs Dawn Willis	DW	Co-opted Governor
	Mrs Rebecca Wylie	RWy	Co-opted Governor

In Attendance: Mrs Gwyneth Barton GB Clerk

1. Welcome

GR chaired and welcomed Governors to this virtual meeting of the Governing Body. The meeting was quorate.

2. Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Ann Abineri, Sarah Moynihan and Roger Williams.

3. Declaration of Interests

There were no new declarations of interest.

4. Minutes of the Meeting of 23rd March 2021

The minutes of the Governing Body meeting held on 23rd March 2021 were confirmed as a correct record. All matters arising were covered on the agenda.

5. Federation

The meeting of the Governing Body held on 23rd March 2021 had received an update on progress towards The Fields joining the Cambridge Nursery Federation on 1st April 2021.

The Governing Body had considered a proposal for the Instrument of Government for the Governing Body of the Cambridge Nursery Federation. It had been agreed unanimously to approve the proposed composition of the new combined Governing Body and to federate with the Cambridge Nursery Federation, the Instrument of Government to come into force on 1st April 2021.



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After the meeting, Governors had been advised that due to an unfortunate miscommunication, the composition of the new Governing Body agreed on 23rd March 2021 was not the same as that agreed by the existing Cambridge Nursery Federation Governing Body.

The difference was in the number of parent and co-opted governors: The Fields had agreed 1 parent governor and 11 co-opted governors; the Cambridge Nursery Federation had agreed 2 parent governors and 10 co-opted governors.

The local authority's Governor Services had advised that The Fields should align its agreed composition of the new Governing Body with that agreed by the existing Cambridge Nursery Federation, 2 parent governors and 10 co-opted governors, as this was the legally correct version. Governor Services had also advised that the proposed Instrument of Government could be agreed only by a formally convened Governing Body meeting.

In view of this update, the Fields Governing Body agreed unanimously to approve the following composition of the new combined Governing Body:

	Combined Governing Body
Ex officio	1 Head
Staff	1 elected
Local authority	1 appointed
Parent (2-year term)	2 elected
Co-opted	10 co-opted (of which up to 3 could be members of staff. The total number of co-opted governors who are also eligible to be elected as staff governors, so when counted with the elected staff governor and headteacher, must not exceed one third of the total membership of the Governing Body)
<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>

It was agreed unanimously to federate with the Cambridge Nursery Federation, the Instrument of Government based on the above composition to come into force on 1st April 2021.

The Governing Body noted that Governor Services had confirmed that if the Fields Governing Body could agree the revised composition at this meeting and send them the minutes by 10.00am on Friday 26th March 2021, federation should still be able to go ahead on 1st April 2021 as planned.

The meeting closed at 6.35pm.

Signed:

Date: