

# Braunton Learning Cooperative Trust



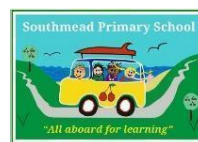
Member name	Type	Representing		In attendance	Apologies
Vacant		ACCT			
Faye Bowler	P	Braunton Academy	FB	Y	
Julie Fry	P	Braunton Academy	JF	Y	
Anthony Wainer	F	Caen Primary	AW	Y	
Sam Page	F	Caen Primary	SP	Y	
Alison Smith	F	Georgeham Primary	AS	Y	
Julian Thomas	P	Georgeham Primary	JT		Y
Briony Tuohey	F	Kingsacre Primary	BT	Y	
Claire Cole	F	Kingsacre Primary	CC	Y	
Alun Dobson	F	Marwood Primary	AD	Y	
Liz Quick	F	Marwood Primary	LQ	Y	
Brad Bunyard	F	Southmead Primary	BB		Y
Nick Plumb	F Chair	Southmead Primary	NP	Y	
In Attendance:					
Natalie Stanbury		Company Secretary	NS	Y	
Matt Bowler		Governor, Southmead Primary	MB	Y	

**Trust Board Meeting**  
**Monday 26.06.23, 5pm, Southmead Primary School**

Item	Detail
1.	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies</b></p> <p>Reminder of our core responsibilities as trustees:  <a href="https://drive.google.com/open?id=1o-WUvhwNDDaV5owl0fdYakX-2bYKWe5">https://drive.google.com/open?id=1o-WUvhwNDDaV5owl0fdYakX-2bYKWe5</a></p> <p>Our aims as an organisation are here:  <a href="https://www.brauntonlearningcooperativetrust.org/about">https://www.brauntonlearningcooperativetrust.org/about</a></p>
2.	<p><b>Declaration of Business and Pecuniary Interests</b></p> <p>To note any changes or new interests to the register. Board members must declare an interest and leave the meeting when the appropriate item is dealt with.</p> <p>The register is here: <a href="#">Register of Business Interests</a></p> <p>Trustees agreed the reappointment of the following members:          Alison Smith, Briony Tuohey, Sam Page, Julian Thomas, Nick Plumb, Alun Dobson and Claire Cole.</p> <p>Their term will run for another 4 years from 26.06.23 to 25.06.27.</p> <p>Each Trustee left the room separately for the vote of reappointment.</p> <p>Trustees noted the resignation of and thanked Liz Quick for her work and dedication as a Trustee since 2019. We wish her all the very best in her new ventures and will miss her being part of our team.</p>
3.	<p><b>Agree the minutes of the Trust meeting held on 30.01.23</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on <a href="#">30.01.23</a> were agreed as an accurate and true record.</p> <p><b>Matters Arising from the previous meeting:</b></p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> NS to liaise with ACCT to advertise the vacancy left by Jeremy Cooper. Ongoing – contact made with ACCT Chair and issue will be raised at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Heads to explore options going forward for employing an external scrutiny partner for school improvement. Heads reported there was currently no availability.</p>
4.	<p><b>To discuss Trust Improvement Priorities and Progress - to include an update from any Heads or Chairs meetings</b></p>



	<p><a href="#">TIP Objectives</a></p> <p>Discuss any actions resulting</p> <p>Trustees discussed the review of the TIP objectives document above and commented on the progress made with partnership working over the last academic year for all aspects of the Trust objectives. The review presented clear evidence of partnership working in so many areas, regardless of the continuing presence of the legacy of COVID19.</p>
5.	<p><b>Future Cohort Numbers and School Plans</b></p> <p><a href="#">NHS Cohort</a> <a href="#">Braunton Cohort</a></p> <p>Discussions continue between heads and DCC regarding the unique situation our group of schools find ourselves in in terms of the current pressures on cohort numbers.</p> <p>We continue to raise the issue with the relevant personnel. Projected housing plans for Braunton town and rural areas will not solve the issue of dwindling numbers for many of our schools.</p>
6.	<p><b>To receive an update on managed partnership working - changes and progress</b></p> <p>Two of our primaries continue to work in managed partnerships with a multi academy trust providing targeted support for a limited period. Both schools reiterated their commitment to the BLCT and the importance of continuing to work together, regardless of additional partnerships.</p> <p>In light of this, Trustees discussed the need to continue to drive forward the work of the BLCT and how this can influence our ability to work together as a group in the future. With the current DfE focus on schools working in effective partnerships by 2030, Trustees discussed how the BLCT could continue to work together while acknowledging the academies agenda will mean a change in the landscape in the future and how this affects our ability to make decisions for ourselves as a group.</p> <p>Trustees agreed to explore the offer of other local multi academy trusts as part of a partnership evening. Invited MATs would need to already include a secondary setting within its current membership of schools. Each MAT to present their offer with time for each governing board of each school to speak privately to MAT staff – acknowledging that each school has different needs and priorities.</p> <p>Trustees agreed that each governing board chair would discuss the plan to hold the partnerships evening with their governors to ensure we act within the remit of each governing board. All heads and governors at each school are invited to attend. Julie Fry agreed to coordinate the evening.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> – Heads to suggest suitable MATs to present at the future partnerships evening.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> – Each chair to ensure the future partnerships evening is discussed by individual boards to ensure we are acting within the remit of each board.</p>



7.	<p><b>Business Arrangements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Arrangements to fund Trust Activities</b></li> </ul> <p>We continue to fund Trust activities as individual schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Update on Land and Asset Transfers - latest correspondence</b></li> </ul> <p>We continue to work with DCC and our solicitors at StoneKing to bring the land transfers to a close. We have a new caseworker assigned at StoneKing who is currently reviewing the progress of transfers on each school site, with a view to providing the scope of the work outstanding. We continue to clarify the situation regarding fees and DCC's payment of regarding the transfers.</p>
8.	<p><b>Summary of Positive Impact</b></p> <p>What have we discussed today to improve outcomes for children in our schools?</p> <p>Continue to consider the long term implications of pupil numbers for our schools and work in partnership with the relevant authorities to mitigate the risk to our educational offer.</p> <p>Continue to scan the horizon for potential risks to our ability to work together and make plans to continue to work as a cooperative trust.</p>
10.	<p><b>To agree dates for the next academic year:</b></p> <p><b>Suggested:</b> 9th October 2023, 5th February 2024, 24th June 2024</p>

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