



TRUST BOARD LEARNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of the Learning Committee of the Trust Board of South East Cornwall Multi Academy Regional Trust held Monday 22nd June on at 4.30 pm.

Present	Yes/No		Yes/No
Mrs H Casson	Yes	Mr R Newton Chance	Yes
Mr J Crisp - Chair	Yes		

In Attendance: Mr D Buckley, CEO
Mrs K Williams, Clerk to Trust Board

30. **Welcome and Format of Meeting**
The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. The format of the meeting was explained.
31. **Declaration of Business or Pecuniary Interest and Academy-related parties - update on any changes since completion of written declaration**
None.
32. **Apologies for Absence**
All Trustees were present.
33. **Approval of minutes of meeting held on 11th February 2020**
The minutes of the meetings held on 11th February 2020 including the confidential appendix, having been circulated in advance of the meeting, were agreed as an accurate of the meeting and will be signed once social distancing ceases.
34. **Matters Arising**
There were no actions points from the last meeting. Trustees noted the predominant discussion of the last meeting was Liskeard's imminent Ofsted visit which is covered under this agenda.
35. **School updates** - Trustees to consider quality of current provision. Minutes and HT reports attached for information.
- a) Mr Buckley advised that the MSLT (MAT Senior Leadership team) are reviewing three different models for the schools returning in September. He summarised the differences in the models which depend on the number of students returning. The MSLT are discussing the possible learning models and how to identify and address gaps.
 - b) Mr Buckley summarised the current situation in each school. **A Trustee asked if there has been a large demand for key worker places at Looe** and Mr Buckley explained that the number of places for key worker children has increased but not significantly and was unsure why the numbers are lower at Looe than at the other secondary schools. **A Trustee queried the current position for vulnerable and key worker children.** Mr Buckley explained that a number of these children have been in school and those that have not attended, have been in regular contact with staff.
 - c) Mr Buckley advised that a high proportion of Year 10s have been attending Liskeard since the wider re-opening of the schools. Saltash had a high uptake but a larger number of daily absences. **A Trustee asked how staff have been coping with the children outside of lessons.** Mr Buckley advised that students are respecting social distancing within the school setting and the bubble

approach being used. **A Trustee asked if the Trust have any staff members who are couples and have young children as this impacts their ability to work if their children have not returned to school.** Mr Buckley advised that there are a number of working couples in the Trust and explained the approaches being used to bring staff back to work.

- d) **A Trustee queried if the Risk Assessments have been discussed by the People Committee and if a standardised approach to individual risk assessments and return to work has been agreed.** Mr Buckley explained that Risk Assessments were discussed and a standardised approach is now in place. **A Trustee asked if there are any firm proposals from the government for September.** Mr Buckley advised that it has been suggested that schools return using the bubble approach of 30 students.
- e) Trustees noted that Cornwall has not had high numbers of people infected with Covid-19 as other parts of the UK but it is possible that there will be a spike once social distancing relaxes. Mr Buckley advised that the challenge will be to get bubbles of 30 to work effectively to reduce the risk of infection. **Trustees queried the concept of the bubble approach** which Mr Buckley explained. Trustees agreed that an effective track and trace is needed.
- f) **A Trustee asked how many days per week students will be attending schools in September.** Mr Buckley advised that if the bubbles of 30 approach is used, it will be 5 days a week. **A Trustee asked about the use of recovery curricula.** Mr Buckley explained that identifying the conceptual understanding of children is the starting point.
- g) **A Trustee queried the uptake of places at the Saltash and Liskeard sixth forms as it was noted that some students and parents may not wish to leave the perceived safety of the local area.** Trustees discussed at length the impact of the pandemic on the children and the use of blanket approaches. It was agreed that we need to give a clear message to staff, parents and children, that the schools will not be open during the summer.
- f) Mr Buckley summarised the changes in staffing at Saltash which will be effective from September to Christmas.
- g) Saltash
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- h) Liskeard
A Trustee noted that despite a good result from the Ofsted visit, there are still many areas of red in the report. Mr Buckley explained that targets had previously been used ineffectually. **A Trustee referred to the Headteacher's Report and queried the meaning of "purchasing of manipulatives".** Mr Buckley advised that this is materials to aid Maths teaching such as plastic counting blocks.
- i) It was noted that the Ofsted inspectors recognised and understood the development of the Middle Leaders and work on this will progress further when the school returns in September. **A Trustee asked if it is known what exam outcomes will be.** Mr Buckley explained that initial analysis nationally of this year's GCSEs results he had seen, appeared to suggest schools had submitted grades approximately half a grade higher than previous years. It is too early to tell if the regression analysis conducted by the exam boards will be negative or positive for our schools. **A Trustee asked if a moderation process was used.** Mr Buckley explained that there was a standardised moderation process within each school but moderation was not completed Trust wide.
- j) Dobwalls
A Trustee asked what is being put into place for Dobwalls following the Ofsted inspection. Mr

Buckley explained that the curriculum has been redeveloped which started before the inspection and this includes the use of knowledge organisers. Gap assessments are already in place. **A Trustee asked if there will be a need to back track given the impact of Covid-19 which may have delayed work at the school.** Mr Buckley advised that good progress has been made on raising the standard of the curriculum, particularly foundation subjects. Home learning has continued throughout this time and staff attempted to follow the redeveloped curriculum.

- k) **A Trustee asked about transition of the Year 6 students to secondary schools.** Mr Buckley advised that Liskeard had been intending to provide sessions for children to meet with their tutor group but the risk assessment proved difficult as there was a high risk of cross infection. Liskeard are now organising one to one sessions for children in priority groups. Looe are using their inset days in September for transition. Saltash have been in contact with the children which had been started before lockdown. Anxiety levels of the children were discussed. In previous years, Liskeard has provided groups of children with additional time in school during the summer holidays to aid transition and it is disappointing that this cannot be offered this year as data from previous years has shown this to be very beneficial.
- l) Mr Buckley advised that year 7 catch up funding has been ceased. Mr Buckley advised that the position of Sports Premium funding is still unknown.
- m) The Trustees wanted to send their thanks to the staff working across the trust. **A Trustee asked if a thank you letter has been sent.** Mr Buckley advised that it had not. Trustees noted that a letter should be sent and it was agreed that this should be provided by the Learning committee.

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36. **Guidance/instructions to LGCs**

- a) No guidance or instructions were highlighted for the LGCs during this meeting.

37. **Date of next meetings:** The SMART calendar to be circulated.

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The meeting closed at 17.24.

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