

Date: 29 Feb 2024 7pm

Present: SJ, AD, RP, C, JT, KC, SM, HB Gary Chown via Teams

No show Josh

1. The Chair spoke to the board about meeting with Alice McShane (DCC School Improvement Lead and the HT regarding the latest school grading following a recent LA external advisor meeting with Chair and Headteacher. Given the current status there is an immediate need for action and support for the headteacher to give capacity to drive school improvement. The Chair reported to the Board that Alice McShane had advised that Ventrus should be used due to their capacity for immediate on the ground school improvement provision.
2. The Chair reported to the board about a recent meeting with Regional Schools Group members – Fionnuala SPicer and Sophie Turner about the ACE TIS grant and also the possibility of entering formal consultation regarding academisation with Ventrus with regard to academisation.
3. Gary Chown CEO Ventrus joined the meeting via Teams to talk to the board about the proposed MP and how it will support the school in embedding a strong curriculum across the school and driving school improvement. He explained he had talked with Alice McShane about the needs.
4. The MP agreement has been written by Alice McShane, to ensure time led objectives with a line manager in place to ensure that improvement happens speedily for the benefit of the children and their outcomes. Alun had spoken to Gary Chown earlier in week about the MP and was happy to go ahead with the MP.
5. The board agreed to enter the MP and to move towards formal consultation. CT abstained from the vote due to conflict of interest and also that she is stepping down at the end of her term of service in March.
6. The Board agreed that SJ would contact Teams to cancel that meeting but to thank them for their offer.

Meeting closed 8.25pm