

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CORPORATION HELD AT 4:00PM ON WEDNESDAY 13 JULY 2022 AT GRADBACH

Present: Alan Aston, Karen Dobson, Jeff Dutton, Martin Earnshaw, Gareth Jones, Mary Jones, Steve Jones, Simon Leech (Chair), Bernard Lovatt, Jeremy Pert, Lesley Rollason, Jim Rowley

In attendance: Craig Hodgson (Vice Principal), Shelley Brown (Director of Curriculum and Performance), Ian Hookway (Director of HR and Communications), Lesley Morrey (Director of Student Engagement and Partnerships), Jason Lancaster (Director of IoT and Employer Partnerships), Carl Riding (Director of Estates and Sustainability), Andy Bailey (Head of Compliance and Governance), Joy Smith (Deputy Clerk)

PART 1

22.6.1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Francis Tunney.

22.6.2 Declarations of Interest

Simon Leech, Gareth Jones, Karen Dobson and Craig Hodgson declared an interest as non-remunerated Directors of Axia Solutions Ltd and Gradbach Ltd. Gareth Jones and Jeremy Pert declared an interest as members of Stafford Borough Council.

22.6.3 Election of Vice Chair

Andy explained that the post of Vice-Chair of the Corporation was due for re-election to bring the Chair and Vice-Chair appointments back to alternate years. Gareth Jones was proposed, seconded and in the absence of any other nominations, was re-elected Vice-Chair of the Corporation for a period of two years.

22.6.4 Minutes of the Meeting held on 31 March 2022 - Part 1

Approved as a true record of the meeting.

22.6.5 Matters Arising

22.1.6 – Art for Ukraine

Karen was very pleased to advise that the Art for Ukraine charity exhibition and auction had raised c£4.5k.

22.6.6 Minutes of the Committee Meetings

- Education & Standards Committee: 29 June 2022

Lesley Rollason drew attention to the minutes of the meeting and picked out key points to note. Alan Aston, the Safeguarding Link Governor, had provided feedback on various meetings and issues discussed as part of his role. In relation to his Careers and Guidance link role, he had asked for Liz Wyman to deliver a presentation to a future meeting on how the College's success is measured against the national Gatsby Benchmarks.

Lesley also gave an overview of the changes in the Enhanced Ofsted Inspection Framework with the introduction of a skills element which will result in a worded judgement within the Ofsted Report. She stressed the importance of this and the need to ensure that Governors are provided with the information they need for the specific skills meeting with the inspector.

Shelley had also provided a thorough update on curriculum developments along with the detailed Learner Data Report. Discussion had taken place about the size and detail of the report and it had been agreed to revise its format in order for members to be able to easily identify strategic issues and key risks.

22.6.7 Principal's Report - Part 1

1.1 – Awards Events

Karen was pleased to confirm that three celebration events had been held, each had gone very well and thanks were extended to everyone who had attended.

1.2 – Outstanding Contribution Awards

Members were pleased to note this year's winners of the Outstanding Contribution Awards and added their congratulations to everyone involved. Karen particularly thanked Gareth and Steve for assisting with the presentations at Newcastle and Stafford respectively.

1.3 – National Recognition for Denise Haney

Congratulations were extended to Denise, a very worthy winner of the NCFE Support Staff of the Year award.

1.4 – BTEC Teacher of the Year Award

Karen explained that although the outcome of Mark Cruyton's nomination for the BTEC Teacher of the Year award was embargoed until the event in September, she was confident that congratulations would be in order.

2.1 – Student Successes

Karen was delighted to outline the successes of the students who have done particularly well over the past year and she added that over her time at the College she has had the pleasure of sharing many great stories about hundreds of students who have excelled in their particular area, or overcome adversity to enable them to study with us.

2.2 – Chamber of Commerce Student of the Year

Members congratulated one of the Student Governors, Veruschka Mbai, on being selected for the Chamber of Commerce Student of the Year finals. Karen added that she was sure that Veruschka had a very successful future ahead of her.

2.3 – Sporting Successes

Members were very pleased to note the contents of the 2021-22 Honours Board and Karen advised that Ben Williams, Greg Butler and Matt Bailey will also be added as alumni. Members also passed on their congratulations to the College's ESports teams on their recent successes.

2.4 – Construction Plant Industry Awards

Karen advised that at the recent Stars of the Future awards our students came away with a whole host of trophies with NSCG Stafford College being awarded National Winner. Members were delighted to learn of the successes of these students.

22.6.8 Student Financial Support Policy 2022-23

Members considered and approved the Student Financial Support Policy 2022-23, noting the recommendation from the Finance & General Purposes Committee who had considered it in detail at their meeting.

22.6.9 Tuition Fees Policy 2022-23

Members considered and approved the Tuition Fees Policy 2022-23, noting the recommendation from the Finance & General Purposes Committee who had considered it in detail at their meeting.

22.6.10 Proposed Calendar of Corporation and Committee Meetings, 2022-23

Members considered the calendar and it was agreed that an additional meeting of the Education & Standards Committee would be arranged for early in the autumn term to specifically consider the 2021-22 results. Subject to the above addition, the calendar was approved.