



5th Annual General Meeting

Our Vision

Achieving More Together

Our Mission

Working together passionately to achieve the best outcomes for our
SEND children and young people

Thursday 9th February 2023, 10.30am, New Siblands Secondary

MINUTES

AGM 22/23	Item
	<p>Present: Executive Team Local Governors Trustees Members School staff Headteachers</p> <p>Apologies: Dr Alan Kellas (Member) Prof Sara Spear (Member) Melanie Vongswang (Trustee) Donald Cuthbert (Trustee) Susan Fairhurst (Trustee) Nicola Jones (Trustee) Neil Galloway (School Improvement Partner) New Siblands Local Governors Culverhill Local Governors</p> <p>In Attendance: Frances McMillan (Clerk)</p>
1.0	PROCEDURAL POINTS
1.1	<p>Welcome: DT, the Chair of Enable Trust, welcomed all to the Trust's 5th AGM and thanked the staff and pupils of New Siblands for hosting the AGM.</p>
1.2	<p>Apologies: The Clerk noted the apologies listed and from Governors of both schools. The Clerk holds a record of all attendees.</p>
1.3	<p>Declarations of Interests:</p>



1.4	DT declared his standing interest. No other interests were declared. Proxy Voting: Members AK and SS has asked that their votes reside with the Chair of Members.
2.0 2.1	MINUTES To consider and approve the Minutes of the AGM from 17th February 2022: No comments were received, and the Minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting. ACTION: Clerk to retain approved Minutes for signing
3.0 3.1 3.2 3.3	MEMBER BUSINESS: Retirement of Trustees: The Chair noted the great contribution and legacy of Sharon Lynas, Trustee and former Governors who has tendered her resignation due to ill health. The Chair further noted that she is currently enjoying reasonable health. Election of Chair of Members for 2023/24: The Clerk confirmed the election of David Hussey as Members' Chair and Dr Alan Kellas as Vice Chair for the coming year. Members Statement to AGM: DH commended the Trust, staff, pupils and families and the two new HT's for their skills, dedication and resilience in improving the outcomes for children over the last year. The Members are excited by the journey ahead and offered their skills and support as we navigate the exciting times ahead, sustaining and strengthening our Vision and Values. ACTION: None.
4.0 4.1 4.2 4.3	ACCOUNTING MATTERS: To receive Enable Trust Accounts, Trustees Report and Management letter for period 1 st September 2021 – 31 st August 2022: The Chair of Members confirmed that the accounts had been circulated to the Members. External Auditor: The DFO confirmed that Bishop Fleming LLP remains as external auditor to Enable Trust. Internal Auditor: The DFO confirmed that One West remains as the Internal Auditor to Enable Trust. ACTION: None.
5.0 5.1	STRATEGIC MATTERS: CEO's report to AGM: The CEO expressed pleasure in seeing everyone in person today, and the opportunity to reflect on the Trust's journey over the past year and plan for the future in these continuing turbulent times. He briefly outlined the challenges of operating in an ever changing landscape of expectation around growth, and uncertain finances but focussed on the positives we have to celebrate: the strengths of our new HTs, the care, dedication and professionalism of our staff and a new school set to open in 2024. The continuing uncertainty of funding within the Local Authority (LA) and the work being done to both challenge and work with the LA on behalf of ET and the other specials in the region is vitally important to ensure we can effectively resource our schools.



5.2	<p>The Trust continues to innovate and the CEO highlighted the emerging work being done by the pilot project we are hosting, the Enable Inclusion Team.</p> <p>The CEO promised that in the year ahead we will navigate growth but will remain true to our beliefs, we will prepare our schools for Ofsted re-inspections, we will plan for a September 2024 opening of Two Bridges, but prepare for delays, we will continue to be outward looking and make decisions that will positively impact our children and their families.</p> <p>The CEO thanked the Board for their insight and support and the Chair, DT, for his leadership. The role of Members and the Local Governors were highlighted and appreciated and the much valued input DFO and Clerk.</p> <p>The AGM did not have any questions for the CEO.</p> <p>Chair of Trust report to AGM</p> <p>DT highlighted the level of strategic work to be done in the coming year, particularly on the recruitment of Governance for Two Bridges. He noted the concern of the Board to ensure we value and maintain our estate and the £100K committed to Premises works in the coming year. We are committed to growth and to share our expertise for the benefit of children with SEND and their families.</p> <p>DT thanked all present for their commitment to ET and noted his pleasure and privilege to be Chair of the Trust.</p> <p>The AGM did not have any questions for the CoT.</p> <p>ACTION: None.</p>
6.0	<p>Any Motions the Members wish to consider:</p> <p>None.</p>
7.0	<p>Any Business the Trustees wish the Members to Consider:</p> <p>None.</p>
8.0	<p>Confirmation of upcoming meetings:</p> <p>6th Annual General Meeting: Thursday 8th February 2024</p> <p>The Chair of Members closed the meeting at: 11.05am</p>

Signed by Chair of Members as a true record: _____

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Date: _____

