

Minutes of a Trust Board meeting held on Thursday 5th December 2024 at 10am at Bridge Schools Trust, Callywith Gate Ind. Est.

Present		In attendance		Apologies	
Maria Ashurst (Chair of Trustees)	MA	Matthew Symonds (Chief Financial Officer)	MS	Sally Crabb	SC
Adrian Massey (Chief Executive)	AM	Julia Stoneman (Clerk to the Board)	Clerk		
Nick Hart	NH	Misty Nickells (Griffin Accountancy)	MN		
Judith Goodchild	JG	Louise Gilbert (Deputy CE)	LG		
Jane McFall (Vice Chair of Trustees)	JM				
Louise Stevenson	LS				

Acronyms:

CST – Confederation of School Trusts
 ATH – Academy Trust Handbook
 CIF – Condition Improvement Fund
 SEMH – Social, Emotional and Mental Health

		Action
1. Welcome and apologies for absence	Apologies were received and accepted from Sally Crabb. LG and JG joined virtually. LS was welcomed as new Foundation Trustee.	
2. Opportunity to declare an additional conflict of interests	The register of interests had been circulated and there were no changes. The clerk to send a declaration of interests form to LS	1 Clerk
3. Minutes of the last meeting	The minutes of the meeting held on 14 th November were taken as a true and accurate record of proceedings.	
4. Any matters arising	It was confirmed that all actions had been completed.	
5. Approval of accounts	Trustees confirmed that they had received the audited accounts 2023-24 and the management letter. MN went through these. <i>See appendix.</i> The accounts were approved.	
6. CE Report	Trustees confirmed that they had received the recent Ofsted reports, CIF report and proposed iPad investment. <i>See appendix.</i>	
7. Policies/documents for approval	Trustees approved the following policies/documents, which had been previously circulated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Health and Safety Policy ○ SEND Policy <i>See appendix.</i>	
8. Committee minutes	Trustees confirmed that they had received and read the Audit and Risk and Education and Standards minutes. MA updated trustees on the recent People and Pay committee meeting.	
9. Update from CST conference	MA updated trustees on the recent conference she attended. <i>See appendix.</i>	

In order to evidence that trustees are providing challenge to the leaders these questions are highlighted in the minutes

The meeting was closed at 12.25pm