

BOARD MEETING HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR THE TRUSTEES OF

ST PAUL'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

ON WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY 2020, 6.45 PM,

THE CHILDREN'S CENTRE, 10 MALVERN ROAD, BALSALL HEATH, B12 8NN

Present:

Staff:

Apologies for Absence

Zaima Khaliq

1. Minutes of previous meetings held on 16th November 2019

No amendments required

In the absence of the Chair the meeting agreed vice chair PW take the Chair.

Chair advised two urgent confidential items to be discussed ahead of agenda.

1. Chief Executive Business Report

DC introduced report with the main area for discussion being the financial difficulties with the school. DC updated Trustees on meeting with BCC 14/1/20 which in summary was;

- Bcc desire to convert primary provision to autism specialist with short term placements and agreed contract/SLA with fixed price agreed in advance
- Senior school to remain SEN but referrals' to be south and central only and contract/SLA with fixed price in advance
- Urgent review to get referrals to St Paul's to improve deficit situation
- Future access to BCC school support services

Trustees welcomed these proposals but were cautious as previous commitments have not been met by BCC. Concern expressed over short-term referral's and BCC ability to translate this into reality to relieve financial pressure

Trustees welcomed feedback and agreed to receive e mail feedback from DC as discussions progressed.

Trustees noted the rest of business report.

2. Management Accounts 2019

PP introduced the management accounts for November 2019 and stressed the main concerns were

- Financial position of school & increased deficit
- Nursery position improved and predicting surplus year end
- Out of school small end of year deficit

- Reserves into 2020/21 a concern due to deficit 2019/20
- Farm stable due to Taws funding

Trustees agreed accounts and echoed concerns on reserves and deficit and requested DC to keep Trustees advised on progress with discussions with BCC on school.

3. HR Report

Trustees approved the equality & diversity & parental leave policy and agreed a report to be submitted on equalities PI in May 2020.

Any Other Business

PW advised Trustees of date of Balsall Heath Carnival as 20th June 2020.

The next meeting to be held on Wednesday 4th March 2020