



**Pennine View Academy Council**  
**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 13:30**  
**Pennine View School**

<b>Those Present:</b>		
Sarah Mulhall	Headteacher	SM
Sacha Schofield	Nexus MAT Executive Regional Director and Chair of Governors	SS
Catherine McLaughlin	Governor	CM
Chris Rowse	Governor	CR
Kirsty Waddington	Parent Governor	KW
Sally Macdonald	Governor	SMa
Natasha Ellison	Staff Governor	NE
<b>Also Present:</b>		
Paula Williams	Nexus MAT Executive Regional Director	PW
Lyndsay Foster	Nexus MAT Governance Clerk	LF
<b>Apologies:</b>		
Warren Carratt	Nexus MAT CEO (Chief Executive Officer)	CEO
Joel Hardwick	Nexus MAT Assistant CEO Strategy & Partnerships	JH
Sally Wylde	Staff Governor	SW
Carole Lawrie	Parent Governor	CL
<b>No Apologies:</b>		
Kelly-Ann Robinson	Parent Governor	KAR

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Actions
1.1. To receive apologies for absence Apologies were received for CEO, CL, SW, JH.	
1.2. To accept apologies for absence Apologies were accepted for CEO, CL, SW, JH.	
2. ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS	
2.1. Chair to determine any items of urgent business to be considered None.	
3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	
3.1. Individual Governors to declare any personal, business, or other governance interests on any item on the agenda None.	
4. PENNINE VIEW SCHOOL LOCAL GOVERNING BODY MINUTES	
4.1. To approve the minutes of the following meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2023 were approved as a true record.	
4.2 Review of Action Tracker The outstanding actions on the tracker were reviewed and updated.	
4.3 Matters arising from the Minutes New Deputy Head to start September 2023, this will strengthen the Leadership team. New link governor to start September.	
5. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED	
5.1. Headteacher Report SM gave an overview of the report and provided the following updates and comments: <u>Leadership &amp; Management</u> SEF for next year still self-assessing as good pushing for outstanding in the area of behaviour especially. N. Whittaker from Ofsted spent time with the pupils which they answered all his questions with confidence and did not need to look to Carl for guidance. <b>CR asked if Ofsted was to visit today what would be her answer for self-assessing?</b> SM expressed would like outstanding but lacks evidence to back it all up so would agree good and plenty of strengths going forward.	

SM said she would develop the governor link role so that it marries areas for development in the SIP.

CR expressed now there are less meetings through the year been more present in school was a plus point.

SM said there would be a SIP and SEF meeting in the Autumn to go through the new SIP and SEF documents with the governors.

SM said she is working closely with leaders to know where they currently stand within curriculum and said that there is a new RSE Leader next year.

**PW asked is the 3 annual reviews were still outstanding?**

SM confirmed these all now complete.

SM said that there will be a new module classroom for 10-13 pupils from Barnsley, the enrolled pupils from next year will be 142 and that number is confirmed. There are some Doncaster pupils wanting to come to school but are currently in the process of establishing funding.

PW advised most of the work happens through the summer when schools are closed; there are a few projects going off throughout the trust.

**SS asked if significant change is needed?**

SM said that when an academy expands and goes over 20% number of pupils, they must do a significant change. JH deals with this and works alongside DFE and it goes to a short consultation process. Any objections will be posted on the Nexus website). Pennine's does not need to be completed until next year.

**CR asked if class sizes were increasing?**

SM said in upper school there are 2 classes which will be 13 pupils. SM has worked hard to keep to 12 for staff and pupil ratio, SM also stated that staff had already been recruited.

**CR asked if school could cope with extra pupils?**

SM said yes, Heather and SM have sat down and gone through the numbers and 144 is the site maximum number. SM said that staffing was now all covered and if this ever needed to increase further it would need the infrastructure to be reviewed.

**SS asked about staffing and paid leave as per the report?**

SM said teachers do receive this, and support staff are to be offered 2 days. This can be used for appointments.

Quality of Education

SM advised taking time in the summer to reflect where the curriculum is and that its currently going strength to strength. SM feels that schools should always strive for improvement. Planning and moving forward Pennine has recruited 3 new TLR's for Reading, Writing and Oracy.

1 Teacher has completed the Forest School training and the feedback from the 2-week training was positive.

Holly and Heather have supported the school to plan for the next term ready for Carl to take on as his own.

PW asked about Maths. SM said Carl was now leading Maths, and it is about maintenance and supporting over the coming 12 months until a decision is made about a new Maths lead.

**SS asked if the gender difference in assessment will go into the SIP for next year?**

SM said yes it will be included.

**CR questioned whether the % of students above expected is too high and asked is the target setting accurate?**

NE said she does not feel overall it is too large as there may only be 3/4 pupils, she then went onto give examples of Y7/8 and how she feels it is a good representation.

SM said they had changed their assessments and feel it is an effective use of baseline, tracking and monitoring that has happened this past year which they have used to understand each pupil, the quality of staff in school and the curriculum, and feels it is fair representation of the school. SM also feels that the quality coming through school is outstanding.

CM stated that she visited Harmony House and would love to visit again. SM said Harmony House has now finished but that CM can see the assessment booklets.

Behaviour and Attitudes

SM discussed the school improvement meeting with JT regarding behaviour. SM said that the Y9 & 10's sat through today's leavers assembly and was an achievement with the fantastic behaviours in which they presented themselves.

PW said that Y9 usually is a particularly challenging year.

SM stated that there is a clear process interlinked from Nexus policies, class charters, the school website and dojo, and making sure all values are a line.

Attendance

SS mentioned about the graphs with individuals on and the sensitivity of the data.

SM said she will remove initials and just keep the figures going forward.

SS stated the level of detail is not required for weekly breakdown.

PW said the graphs were good but do not need tables as well.

Personal Development

SM said that Pupil Parliament was going well, and 2 pupils attended the Trust Pupil Parliament.

Primary Sports Day is to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> July.

Upper School Sports day already completed for the older pupils.

CL mentioned fundraising for a new sound system if we had any updates where it is at?

SM said this needed looking into.

<p>SM mentioned that the school Pride Festival, that had taken place recently which was a spectacular event where different workshops were available (16 in total). NE said Pupils got to choose 3 workshops to experience and enjoy what they wanted. There was a showcase to families and 35 pupils took part in this and performed in front of about 180 parents. SM said the family feedback from the event was all positive and that pupils got a good understanding of all events. SM said that Y11 at The Bridge, Robin class 7 achieved their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.</p>	
<p>5.1.1 Appendix 1 - Updated SIP  Discussed as part of the Headteacher Report</p>	
<p>5.1.2 Appendix 2 – School SEF  Discussed as part of the Headteacher Report</p>	
<p>5.2. Community Voice Report  SM said next year this will be part of the Headteacher’s report.</p>	
<p>5.3. Budget Monitoring Report  SS said all unions have balloted for strike action and we have not had an update from the independent pay review recommendations and the DFE. <b>CL asked if budget had been set?</b> SS and SM stated that it had already been set. SS said support staff are becoming increasingly difficult to recruit. CM stated school meals had gone up and were more costly. SS said the funding for free school meals has increased this morning but it is not clear if this is sufficient.</p>	
<p><b>6. TRUST MATTERS</b></p>	
<p>6.1 Trust Verbal Update of Key Issues  SS said JT at Nexus is working on staff progression and level 3 apprenticeships. SM said she tried to honour all staff requests but stated its always centred around the child. The school is Child Centred and therefore you cannot please everyone. PW Said overall feedback is positive and that communication is key. SM said the Staff voice was a good document and would always welcome suggestions.  SS highlighted that CPD is offered across the board for all staff. The Willows Special school in Rotherham is due to come on board in September, Nexus is the sponsor for Holgate Meadows. Other schools have expressed an interest in Nexus MAT. The Trust’s central staff is growing to fit with the expansions in schools.  <b>CR asked if Nexus have a ceiling for its own growth?</b> SS said she attended the MAT Conference where they discussed growth and stated the government wants small MATs to merge. PW said around 25 schools is a strong MAT.</p>	

6.2 Register of Interest	
Reminder noted to make governors aware of the annual update.	
<b>7. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS</b>	
8.1. To consider any other urgent business agreed by the Chair	
None.	
<b>8. CONFIDENTIALITY &amp; RISK</b>	
8.1. To consider the confidentiality of any items discussed during the meeting	
None.	

<b>9. DATES OF NEXT MEETING</b>			
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	09:30 – 11:30		Pennine View
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	09:30 – 11:30		Pennine View
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	09:30 – 11:30		Pennine View

**Minutes approved**

CHAIR	SIGNATURE	DATE