



An Daras Multi Academy Trust

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Minutes

An Daras MAT Members Annual General Meeting Thursday 14th July 2016 at 2pm at St Stephens Community Academy

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

Present: James de Ferrars, Paul O'Brien, Diana Easter, Eva Paynter, Ann Nicholson, Margaret Young, Will Hermon (CEO)

Apologies: None

In Attendance: Clerk

2. **New Members**

Formally dissolve outgoing Member

It was decided that DE would stay on as a Member until a new Member is found and/or she moves away from the area.

Formally agree and welcome new Members

EP, AN and MY were welcomed as An Daras Members.

Update on Member Structure

WH provided an update on the Member structure and the Askel Veur and Eden representation (25% at one each). The number of Members will increase from 5 to 8.

3. **Declarations of Interest/Pecuniary Interests Relevant to this Agenda**

None. WH is not a Member but an employee of ADMAT.

4. **Confidential Agenda Items**

Free School update. See confidential minutes.

5. **An Daras MAT Strategic Update**

WH provided an update. The MAT has grown and is now at 5 schools @850 pupils. The target of 1260 pupils is now changing to 2-3000 in next 4-5 years and so further expansion is required. The MAT has gone to consultation with 2 schools; xxxxxxxx and xxxxxxxx, both VC schools and this will bring the MAT to @1200 pupils. We now have conditional consent for these 2 schools subject to DfE approval. As new schools join, the Members will need to approve changes in the Articles of Association.

The challenge is to find schools to allow further growth. The Members and WH discussed possible future schools and plans. Members agreed that we should try to take on local schools and others that feed into Launceston College if possible.

6. **New An Daras Committee Structure**

WH briefed the new MAT structure and committee structure, in particular the using the modular format allows expansion. The Members were agreeable to this plan.

7. **Visible Learning Strategy**

WH briefed the Members on the Visible Learning strategy, where it has come from, how teachers will be trained and how pupils will be assessed. He explained that it is research based and evidence based. WH extended an invitation to Members to attend some training to see what it is about.

Action: Send dates of training sessions to Members. WH and Clerk

8. **Special Resolution for Adoption of New VC Articles of Association**

The Members approved the new Articles of Association.

Following the meeting the Clerk will file a copy of the Resolution and Articles, and send the original off to the Registrar of Companies, Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, Wales, CF14 3UZ.

9. **Directors Skills Audit and MAT Board Recruitment**

WH explained why the skills audit is done and how Bishop Fleming conducted this. The weakest area is finance and we are looking for a Director with finance skills. The other range of skills is good. There will also be a Director appointed from the Diocese of Exeter when xxxxxxxx and xxxxxxxx schools come on board.

Action: Send the Members a copy of the Directors Skills Audit results. WH

10. **Any other Business**

The frequency of meetings will be once a term for about 1 hour. WH explained the role of the Members and that they were welcome to visit the schools as they wished.

Action: Send Head Teacher/Head of School contact details to Members. WH

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 29th November 16 at 2pm.

The meeting closed at 3pm.

TJH Martin (Clerk/Members)

Distribution List:

J. de Ferrars – Member/Chair

P. O'Brien – Member

D. Easter – Member

E. Paynter – new Member

A. Nicholson – new Member

M. Young – new Member

W. Hermon – CEO