



**Minutes of QEGS Governors and the Old Trust Meeting
Monday 7th March 2016 – 6pm**

PRESENT

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT	APOLOGIES	ABSENT
Mrs A Martin (AMA)	Executive Headteacher	✓		
Mr M Jeffery (MJE)	Chair of Governors	✓		
Mrs H Baker (HBA)	Vice Chair	✓		
Mr S Garrity (SGA)	Head of Academy	✓		
Mrs L Key (LKE)	Business Leader	✓		
Mr M Atkins (MAK)	Staff Governor	✓		
Mr S Bembridge (SBE)	Staff Governor	✓		
Mr R Tuck (RTU)	Staff Governor	✓		
Mr C Smith (CSM)	Parent Governor			✓
Mr R Watson (RWN)	Parent Governor			✓
Mr R Palmer-Clarke (RPA)	Parent Governor	✓		
Mr I Phillips (IPH)	Parent Governor	✓		
Mrs C Ward (CWD)	Parent Governor	✓		
Mr R Dubrow-Marshall (RDM)	Co-Opted Governor		✓	
Mrs J Hart (JHA)	Community Governor		✓	
Mr H Tresidder (HTR)	Community Governor		✓	
Mr P Oakes (POA)	Old Trust Governor	✓		
Mr K Wesley (KWE)	Old Trust Governor	✓		
Mr M Betteridge (MBE)	Old Trust Governor	✓		
Mr A Forsyth (AFO)	Old Trust Governor	✓		
Revd. G Pond (GPO)	Church Appt Governor	✓		
Miss S Bhogal (SBH)	Clerk	✓		
Mr L Rose	Chair of Old Trust	✓		
Mr D Spencer	Old Trust	✓		
Mr A Forsyth	Old Trust	✓		
Mr J Dawson	Old Trust	✓		
Mr B Bates	Old Trust	✓		
Mr J Griffiths	Clerk Old Trust	✓		
Mr M Caton	Old Trust	✓		

Mr Rose chaired this meeting.

Round the table introductions took place.

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Agenda Item No:	1
Agenda Item:	Apologies
Minute Number:	OT6.16

JHA, HTR and RDM had sent their apologies from the QEGS Governing body.
Mr S Spencer, Mr D Archer and Mr J Tomkinson had sent their apologies from the Old Trust.

All Governors accepted these apologies.

Agenda Item No:	2
Agenda Item:	Minutes of the last meeting dated 9th March 2015
Minute Number:	OT7.16

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record. Mr Rose thanked the clerk for recording these.

Agenda Item No:	3
Agenda Item:	Finance
Minute Number:	OT8.16

Income

The Old Trust explained where their income is derived from:

1. Historical income from old endowments = £600
2. When the old Grammar school was sold in 1998 the Old Trust received the following monies:
 - a. The sale of the school 101,000
 - b. Dilapidations from the County Council 158,445
259,445
 - c. Less costs 6,507
252,938

A total of £253,000 was invested with Fleming Investment Management which later became JPMorgan Asset Management.

The monies were invested so that if possible the value of the investment would not be eroded by inflation while giving a reasonable return to the school.

	Value when invested in 1998	Value in September 2014	Value in September 2015
Bond Fund	101,200	103,923	106,000
Equity Fund	151,800	213,222	208,466
Totals	253,000	317,145	314,466

Although the value of the fund is slightly down on its value in 2014, it shows an increase of 24.3%.

The Old Trust since the last joint meeting with the school Governors has paid to the school:

Speech Day	2,000
Joint meeting 2016	<u>8,000</u>
	10,000

During the coming year there may be expenditure incurred by the Old Trust in legal fees covering the costs involved by the Old Trust in the school changing to Multi-Academy status. How this cost would be met remains to be seen.

MJE thanked the Old Trust for their financial support and reassured the Old Trust Governors that we would all work together in forming the MAT.

KWE formally handed the cheque for £8,000 to MJE, who passed this onto the Business Leader of QEGS.

Q&A

Mr Rose asked AMA if she had any thoughts as to how this money would be spent. AMA reassured the Old Trust that the leadership team would identify a project in school for the money to be spent on. Last year's donation was spent on the bus shelter. **Mr Forsyth suggested that perhaps in the future this may need extending.**

Agenda Item No:	4
Agenda Item:	Headteachers Report
Minute Number:	OT9.16

Key points

- 2015 produced an amazing set of A Level and Post-16 results for students and staff at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School. Ranked 1st in Derbyshire in 2014 and 2015, in 2015 QEGS achieved their highest ever points total with 1037 average QCA points for each student.
- As a profession we are facing many national changes. These include a teacher shortage and issues with recruitment in key subjects such as Science, English and Mathematics; massive curriculum and assessment changes as the GCSEs move from A*-G to numbers 9-1; A Levels become linear 2 year courses with a reduction of AS Levels; more challenge with examinations and very little coursework and the introduction of a National Funding Formula.
- To complement our partnership development with the Painsley Teaching School Alliance in Staffordshire; in September 2015 we became part of a second, local Teaching School Alliance with Osmaston – the Ashbourne Dove Valley Teaching School Alliance; part of this partnership allows us to develop and train new teachers for the future and develop professional development for all out staff.
- We are also working effectively to support other schools in Derbyshire – known as "School to School" support; it is proving to be very beneficial in terms of professional development, as well as providing us with the opportunity to support others; this support has been recognised by Ofsted in a school's inspection report stating that the support we have provided has made an impact in helping the school to improve over time.
- In September last year AMA was designated as a National Leader of education and this made QEGS a National Support School; a designation that remains in place for the remainder of her tenure.

- In December 2015 we gained Multi-Academy Trust designation and became a Sponsor. The DfE are clear about the direction for academies, and, after a visit from our Regional Schools Commissioner – Jennifer Bexon-Smith, we made the decision to apply.
- You will all be aware of the increase in housing in our catchment area – a number of developments are in progress. We are closely monitoring this growth and the potential increase in student numbers. We have plans in place and are focussing our immediate resources into increasing provision for the Sixth Form. This work is progressing and is led by the Governors Futures Group.

AMA thanked the Old Trust for all their support and hard work this year and look forward to sharing our growth and successes in the near future.

Q&A

The Old Trust Governors are proud of QEGS and the progress it has made, he reassured QEGS that they have their full support. We make sure our numbers are prominent on the Local Governing Body, he asked AMA where we were in regards to the MAT. AMA explained that the DfE have identified a school for us to consider, which we have visited. We have a timeline in place and we hope to have the Governance structure done by 1st August 2016. We have been advised by Browne Jacobson to delay the legal process until we have a school/academy in our MAT. MJE assured the Old Trust that this was high on our agenda and would also be discussed in tonight's full board meeting.

The Old Trust asked if QEGS had the various levels/tiers of Governance set up. Yes we have established our five members, we are still working on the trustee and local Governing body levels.

The Old Trust asked if we have had other schools asking to join out MAT. Yes, we will be carrying out due diligence checks for any schools that we take on in our MAT.

There were no other questions raised, the Old Trust asked QEGS to keep them informed of the pace in development.

MJE took this opportunity to present Mr Forsyth with a gift and thanked him for his time on the Governing body, for his personal perspective and advice he had given.

Mr Forsyth thanked the Governors for his gift and explained that he had been in the Old Trust since 1990, he joined the QEGS local Governing body 6 years ago and had been grateful to be involved with the appointment of the new head, which he stated was a good decision, he wished QEGS good luck and offered his help should it be needed.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 6.32pm