

Extraordinary Meeting of the Governing Body of St Augustine's School.
 Tuesday 2nd October 2018 at 4p.m.
 Agenda

Present; Foundation Governors; Mrs E. Siddall (Chair), Mrs M. Baines (Vice Chair), Mrs M. Harriott, Head Teacher Mr M. Taylor; Parent Governors; Mrs L. Blake and Mrs K. O'Brien; By Invitation; Mr P. Griffin Deputy Head Teacher

Absent: Canon E Gubbins; LA Governor, Mr M. Jaconelli.

Apologies for Absence; Teacher Governor Miss A. Robinson and Foundation Governor Fr P. Keogh

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
2. Holding the Head Teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance of management of staff
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure it is money well spent.

1.	Opening Prayer	Led by Mr Taylor in school Rosary week
2.	Apologies for absence.	Two were received and were accepted
3.	Confidential Agenda Items	No confidential items were identified
4.	Consideration of Feedback from SMCCAT Consultation	<p>The Chair outlined the issues to be discussed, the decision to be made and the procedure that would be followed.</p> <p>The school had received four responses to the academy consultation, three of them broadly in favour and one against. These were discussed directly and in relation to other issues raised by governors.</p> <p>Issues discussed concerned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns over the future of private school funds. These were understood to be able to continue in their present form. • The finances of a Multi-Academy Trust, including the potential difficulties of sustaining sixth form provision in York and very small primary schools, concern over the centralisation of funds and budgeting, about fairness and transparency and about staffing. • The support that schools within a MAT may be able to give each other in the future, on a general basis but also when a school faces difficulties. The impact of the very wide geographical spread of the proposed MAT. • How a MAT might be of benefit to a school which is already strong and financially viable. • The current and future situation with regards to NYCC and its provision for schools in this area.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Catholic ethos of the school and the proposed MAT. • Practical concerns raised informally by parents and staff, including term dates, uniform and the name of the school. <p>Some governors expressed sadness that, despite opinions offered in the earlier stages of consultation, no alternative model of academisation was being offered. Governors expressed gratitude to the Head Teacher and faith in his leadership and in his support of the MAT.</p> <p>It was noted that in line with the on-going and in-depth discussions about our school becoming an academy and becoming a member of the St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Academy Trust, the governing body have undertaken a consultation exercise with stakeholders including parents, carers, staff and other interested parties and have carefully considered their views. It was noted that the consultation process took place between the 10th and 28th September 2018.</p> <p>The governors unanimously resolved that it would be in the interests of St Augustine’s School to apply to convert to academy status and join the St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Academy Trust, and the governing body support the submission of an application to the Department of Education.</p>
5.	Future meetings	<p>The SEC meeting on the 17th of October has been moved to 5.00pm</p> <p>The Resources Committee meeting on the 21st of November has been moved to the 14th of November.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 5.00pm</p>