MINUTES

Minutes of the Hexham Priory School Local Advisory Board Meeting held at Hexham Priory School, Corbridge Road, Hexham, Northumberland, NE46 1UY
27th November 2024 3.45 p.m.

Attendance:

Gil Kennedy	GK	LAB Chair
Louise Burns	LB	Headteacher
Rod Jones	RJ	LAB member and Eden Finance Committee
Peter Surridge	PS	LAB member
Apologies		
Stephanie Bingham	SB	LAB member
Lindsay McCulloch	LMcC	LAB Member
Harriet Wanless	HW	Staff representative
Sarah Nixon	SN	Staff representative

Ref.	Discussions and decisions	Action
1/2024-25	**Welcome, introductions and apologies** • GK welcomed all present to the meeting, apologies from SB, SN, LM, HW, SN	
2/2024-25	**Declarations of Interest and/or offer/receipt of hospitality or gifts** GK	None
3/2024-25	**Minutes and Actions from previous LAB meeting** There were no amendments or follow up actions	
4/2024-25	**Feedback from LAB liaison** Discussion from LAB liaison around change in name for LAB and discussed suggestions. LAB member are still unable to log onto the Eden email addresses and request to continue with their personal addresses. GK to raise issue of travel of Northern schools and incurrent costs at next LAB liaison.	**GK to take points forward to LAB liaison**
5/2024-25	**Heads update** 2023-2024 SMI data discussed and analysed. School Development Plan discussed Financial issues- LB shared schools forum update around post 16 and special school numbers (attached). LB working closely with other special	**LB to invite MP into school to hold a surgery**

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	school heads to discuss bandings. Individual banding applications being made for each child. High Needs Block School Forum suggestions for overspending – Bring EHCP practice in line with national averages Reduce the growth/cut top up values Meet needs as close to home as possible Introduce a new banding model- bands 1-18 (up to 24 for special schools), valued at £1k to £18K for EHCP's and NESP's Any future banding increase requests will require a breakdown of costs for the individual and whole school SEND spend (templates to be provided) Support individual schools to develop their own Specialist Support Bases in primary and alternative provision models in the secondary sector and remodel post 16 SEND provision LAB issues- to bring back to LAB when new model in place. New member in place; Mike Holt is an experienced Chair, Non-Executive Director and a former CFO of two main market listed companies. Mike joins us with previous experience of being an academy Trustee and will take over the Audit & Risk Management Trustee portfolio including chairing that committee. Mike will also be joining our LAB.	
6/2024-25	**MUGA** No update	
7/2024-25	**Issues to be raised with the Board of Trustees** None noted	
25/2023-2024	**AOB** Role of the Family Support Worker to be promoted with families	

There are no confidential minutes for this meeting.
Meeting closed at 5.10 pm.

Next meetings 3.45- 5.00

22nd January 2025
12th M arch 2025
11th June 2025

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