



Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Venture Multi Academy Trust.
Held at Trevithick Learning Academy on Monday 20th February 2017 at 5pm

Present	Sean Powers (SP) Philip Robinson (PR) (Chair) Jo Long (JL) Harry Hart (HH)
In attendance	Wendy Randle (WR) (Clerk) Will Johnson (WJ)

Item	Minutes	Action
1	<p>Apologies and Introductions Apologies were received and accepted from Annemarie O’Neill, Ian Raggett, Alan Honeybone, Esther Pollard and Jo Osborne.</p> <p>It was noted the meeting was quorate, yet due to the number of absences it would remain as an information session for trustees, enabling SP to update on item 4 of the agenda.</p>	
2	<p>Declaration of Interests There were no further interests to declare.</p>	
3	<p>Minutes and Matters arising of the last meeting (07/12/16) Defer to the next meeting.</p>	
4	<p>Future Schools wishing to join the MAT (SP) SP updated on the bid submitted to the DfE (Department for Education), with Mounts Bay Secondary School, to sponsor the Five Islands Schools. The DfE have received several bids, SP attended an interview with the RSC and DfE where it was advised Mounts Bay and Venture MAT would need to be in a MAT together. Roles were discussed; the RSC suggested Mounts Bay convert to become a MAT, apply for the sponsor role and then Venture MAT join this MAT. The RSC felt this would enable cost savings to be made through processes like TUPE. Trustees questioned these cost savings, highlighting the funds already spent on setting up Venture MAT. JL was asked to investigate costs associated with the secondary school joining the MAT. Trustee clarified which school was the lead on the bid? Initially Venture MAT, yet through conversations with the RSC and interviews it was becoming evident that Mounts Bay would be the lead.</p> <p>SP provided information on the potential organisational structure should Venture MAT join a Mounts Bay MAT, yet trustees felt this was not relevant until a decision on the bid was made. Trustees discussed the positives of learning that has come from working with Mounts Bay and the ethos of their school.</p> <p>Trustees discussed the realistic prospect of growing Venture MAT, noting how a change in government policy and leadership within the RSC could impact on Venture MATs growth. SP will write a letter to Linda Pettitt of the DfE, to include the costs already incurred by Venture MAT in setting up the MAT they were encouraged to create.</p>	JL
5	<p>Trustee Training feedback (PR) Deferred to the next Board of Trustee meeting.</p>	
6	<p>Correspondence None received</p>	

7	AOB None			
8	Confirm Dates & Times			
	Board of Trustees	Finance & GP Committee	School Improvement Committee	Training sessions
Spring Term 2017	Tuesday 28 th March 5-7pm	Tuesday 21 st March 5-7pm	Tuesday 21 st February 5-6pm	Standards and Ofsted Thursday 9 th February 5-7pm
Summer Term 2017	Monday 15 th May 5-7pm <i>(to discuss schools joining the MAT)</i>			
	Wednesday 12 th July 5-7pm	Wednesday 14 th June 5-7pm	Wednesday 7 th June 5-6pm	MAT Aims, Vision and Priorities Thursday 27 th April 5-7pm
16.	Confidential matters None.			

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 5:45pm

Signed.....

Dated.....

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