



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

Held on Thursday 26th June 2008 at 4pm at the Broughton Craggs Hotel, Cumbria

PRESENT: Damian McSweeney, Norma Boyes and Cath Richardson

APOLOGIES: Joe Holliday

IN ATTENDANCE: Hilary Hemm (Clerk to the Governors)

04/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

05/08 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Committee received the minutes of its meeting held on 17th April 2008.

RESOLVED that the minutes be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

06/08 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The Committee received the report of the Clerk on the current membership of the Board. There were now three vacancies following the very recent resignation of Robert Walker due to pressure of work.

The vacancy which had previously been allocated to a secondary school representative could still not be filled as the candidate previously identified had not responded with the necessary details sought by the Clerk. Other possible candidates were discussed.

Following the resignation of Carole Carre in May, in order to retain a wide base of skills it was important to recruit at least one other governor with financial qualifications and experience. The Clerk had been given five names to contact. Three had responded to say they did not wish to join; two had not responded. A number of other possible candidates were discussed with four names being identified as possibilities.

Finally, Mau Craze-Gray, one of the student representatives, would be completing her course this term so would not be eligible to stand again for 2008/09. Adrian Taylor would be continuing in College and had indicated his willingness to continue as a Student Governor. Student Services would liaise with the Clerk on the election of a second student representative for 2008/09.

RESOLVED that the Chair report and recommend to the full Corporation meeting immediately after this meeting that:



- 1 Adrian Taylor be appointed as a student governor for a further year until 31st August 2009

It was further **RESOLVED** that

- 2 The Clerk would write to the secondary head previously contacted in order to clarify if they were interested in joining the Corporation. If they did not wish to join then the Principal would contact two other Heads to seek their views.
- 3 Norma Boyes would make initial contact with three possible candidates with financial skills and report back to the Clerk, while the Clerk would contact the other. In all cases if the candidate were interested in joining the Audit or Resources committee on a co-opted basis but not the main Corporation, then this could be offered to them as an option.

07/08 SKILLS AUDIT

The Clerk circulated a schedule of responses drawn up from the Skills Audit questionnaire which had previously been sent to all governors. There followed a discussion regarding the total number of Corporation members, which it was felt may be too high for the size of the College; the need to spend more time than was possible in this meeting to consider what skills the Committee should be seeking to augment; the possibility that this Committee should have a wider remit to include overseeing and recommending appointments to all Corporation committees; and related governance matters.

RESOLVED that this committee hold an additional meeting on a date to be arranged in August to consider membership and governance issues further and then decide how to proceed including whether to advertise at that time for new members of the Corporation.

The meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.