



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SEARCH AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Held on Thursday 2 July 2009 at 4pm, Higham Hall, near Cockermouth

Present: Paul Pharaoh (Chair), Damian McSweeney, Joe Holliday, Eunice Simmons and Cath Richardson

Apologies: Norma Boyes

In Attendance: Jane Murray and Jennifer Foote (Clerks to the Governors)

08/09 Declarations of Interest

None received.

09/09 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2009 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

10/09 New Appointments to the Board

Following discussion at the previous meeting, the Chair of Corporation reported that he and the Principal had met the two new candidates, Jill Killen and Mark Stanger. They had both felt that the candidates would be a welcome addition to the Board, bringing some of the skills and experience which would complement existing expertise.

The Clerk reported that attempts had been made to have two student observers to the Board meeting on 2 July 2009, however it was unlikely that suitable candidates would be identified until September.

Recommended:

That the Board:

- 1) adopts Jill Killen and Mark Stanger to their Membership;
- 2) appoints Mark Stanger to the Resources Committee;
- 3) appoints Jill Killen the Learner Experience Committee
(subject to discussions at the Board on the future of that Committee).



11/09 Pilot Link Governors' Scheme

The Committee received a report from the Clerk indicating that seven Governors had responded to an invitation to take part in a Link Governors' Scheme. This had seemed a good number to undertake a pilot scheme, which would be evaluated after one year, before being rolled out further. It was felt that the pilot scheme should concentrate firstly on the curriculum areas.

As this Committee did in fact have the delegation to take a final decision on the shape of the Link Governors' Scheme, the recommendations were amended accordingly and the Committee

Resolved:

- 1) That a pilot Link Governors' scheme be adopted for the next academic year, with appointments to the curriculum areas as follows:

John Lackie	Internal engineering
Jill Killen	Travel & Tourism, Sport & Leisure
Damian McSweeney	External Engineering
Andrew Oldham	Hospitality & Catering
Paul Pharaoh	Business Management
Susie Shepherd	Construction
Eunice Simmons	Art & Media

- 2) That evaluation of the pilot scheme is undertaken after one year.

12/09 Staff/Governor Communication (Web proposals)

The Assistant Principal, External Relations, put forward proposals for improved web-based communication, which would allow staff to update Governors more easily, and to allow Governors more opportunity to comment through a Wiki software system.

The Clerk added that it was proposed that the Wiki software system be trialed with the Link Governors initially to stagger training and iron out any teething problems before extending the system wider.

Agreed: that the development work go ahead and that the Wiki system is trialed.

The meeting closed at 1625h