



## Lowbrook Academy Extraordinary Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 2.30pm at Lowbrook Academy

Present: Dave Rooney (DR), Dominique Du Pre (DdP), Bianca Iasi (BI), Guy Van Der Knaap (GK),

Clerk: Kate Bailey (KB)

Item		Action
<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	
	Paul Harrison, Christine Sherwood-Phelps, James Spiteri, Mary Gallop all with prior work commitments.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Notification of Any Other Business (AOB)</b>	
	There was no other business to discuss.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Lowbrook Expansion Project 2017-18</b>	
	DR updated the governors on his telephone conversation with Ross McWilliams (RM) following the Conservative councillor's group meeting on Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2017. DR explained that RM had indicated that it appeared that the Council was extremely unlikely to agree the additional funding required for Phase II of the expansion scheme but that the £1.6 million of funding previously agreed would still be left on the table and it would be indicated that it was the school who had walked away from the project.	
	DR confirmed that he would be meeting with Cllr Dudley personally on Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March at 1.30pm to discuss this matter further.	<b>DR</b>
	DR expressed his extreme disappointment at the current situation and his unease at managing public opinion on this matter himself. BI agreed and stated that she felt that the school would need to manage the backlash very carefully. It was agreed that DR should seek external advice to review this process.	<b>DR</b>
	DR then outlined his exit strategy action plan to the governors which was as follows:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full Governing Body Meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 to work on exit strategy. KB to invite Ross McWilliams and Paul Brimacombe.</li> <li>• DR to write letter to parents to be distributed on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March.</li> <li>• DR to prepare a website statement for the morning of the 29<sup>th</sup> March.</li> <li>• DR to brief all staff at 8.30am on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March.</li> <li>• DR to monitor the reaction of parents and community with a strategy to respond, for example, prepared questions and answers.</li> </ul>	<b>KB</b> <b>DR</b> <b>DR</b> <b>DR</b> <b>DR</b>

