

Mount Stewart Schools Governing Board  
Minutes of the Governing Board committee meeting held on  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7pm via Zoom

**GOVERNORS IN ATTENDANCE**

Name	Category of Governor	Present 19/09/23	Present 19/10/23	Present 12/12/23
Sally Newing (SN)	Head (Ex-officio)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gillan Barnard (GMB)	Co-opted Governor (Co-chair)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Edward Griffiths (EG)	Co-opted Governor	Apologies	Apologies	Apologies
Kishan Parshotam (KP)	LA Governor (Co-chair)	Yes	Apologies	Apologies
Sally Pond (SP)	Staff Governor	Yes	Yes	Yes
Penny Christodoulou (PC)	Co-opted Governor	Yes	Apologies	Apologies
Zahrah Obaydi (ZO)	Parent Governor	Yes	Yes	Yes
Manoj Varsani (MV)	Co-opted Governor	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tom Thacker (TT)	Co-opted Governor	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rasila Pindoria (RP)	Parent Governor	Yes	Yes	Apologies
Lynda Rees (LR)	Clerk	Yes	Yes	Yes
John Ryan (JR)	Co-opted Governor	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rachel Johnson (RJ)	Associate	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nitin Patel (NP)	Co-opted Governor	Apologies	Yes	Apologies
Dorcas Onabanjo (DO)	Co-opted Governor	Apologies	Yes	Yes
Darren Phillimore-Farden (DF)	Co-opted Governor	Yes	Apologies	Yes
Sarah Jones (SJ)	Associate (from 19/09/23)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sharan Uppal (SU)	Observer	N/A	N/A	Yes

**MINUTES**

No	Item	Action
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5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>SACRE Determination Review</b> – a separate report has been presented to this GB meeting for the consultation process on the determination of collective worship at the Mount Stewart Federation. For new Governors, SN explained the collective worship approach at the Mount Stewart schools. For Brent schools, the determination enables schools to either adopt a multi-faith approach recommended by the Brent Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) or formulate their own approach.</li> </ul> <p>A letter was sent to parents and carers in October 2023 seeking their thoughts on continuing to follow the BRENT SACRE multi-faith approach to collective worship, and they are preparing to submit a renewal application. Following the consultation period, which finished on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023, a total of 4 responses were received (which included general comments and observations with some specific views, including preferences for Christian worship and appreciation for the Federation's diverse approach to faith and prayer), with each parent receiving an individual response by email. Governors had no questions to raise on the SACRE determination process and unanimously agreed that the Mount Stewart schools would continue to follow the BRENT SACRE-recommended approach for collective daily worship.</p>	

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Meeting finished at 9.25pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Chair of Governing Board**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_