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**MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF FULL GOVERNING BODY OF  
ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL HELD IN SCHOOL  
ON TUESDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021 AT 6.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Canon J Batthula (Chair, Foundation); Mr C Hartley (Vice Chair, Foundation); Mrs K O'Flynn (Foundation); Mr M Doherty (L.A.); Mrs N Henderson-Andrade (Elected Parent); Mr P Haley (Elected Parent); Mr S Taylor (Foundation); Mrs J Hurst (Foundation); Mr A McArdle (Foundation); Mrs E Morgan (Foundation); Miss P Pickering (Head); Miss L Grant (Staff);

**APOLOGIES:** None

**IN ATTENDANCE:** None

1. Chair opened meeting with a prayer.
2. Chair opened up with a short introduction, thanking all for attendance. Chair then read to the meeting the letter that had recently been received from Bernard Langley, Archbishop of Birmingham, on the Diocese's plan for progression to Academy status for all remaining unconverted schools.
3. Chair shared his appreciation to the Academy Working Party on the work they had undertaken to complete the Academisation Report. The Chair then requested ST to take attendees through the report.
4. ST presented Question 1. CH queried how Pope Francis MAC (PFMAC) would manage deficit reduction and whether the reserves of individual schools would be protected. ST replied that PFMAC set annual budgets in such a way as to manage deficit reduction. ST also explained that the MAC was looking at ways for a school to 'lend' its reserves to other schools to support deficit reduction plans. AMcA asked for confirmation that the indicative transfer of funds from St Mary's to the PFMAC Central Services would be £35K. ST confirmed this amount and stated that there would need to be a way to ensure it obtained value for money from the the central services that this transfer covered. ST also recognised that this is a substantial sum of money and would need to be managed financially.
5. ST presented on Question 2. No questions or comments raised by attendees.
6. ST presented on Question 3. JH commented on the importance of the PFMAC's support to St. Joseph's in improving the schools performance after a poor OFSTED inspection. CH queried if this support for the school could have been provided by the local Catholic schools supporting, without the need for PFMAC. KOF suggested that this would be unlikely as individual schools do not have the resources or mechanisms to support this type of intervention. ST asked if it was the cases that schools with an OFSTED rating of 'Inadequate' would be forced to transfer to an Academy. This was confirmed by EM and KOF. EM also mentioned that the school itself would not have much influence in the decision and outcomes. For a Catholic school there would be a risk of losing the school from the Catholic sector altogether.
7. ST presented on Question 4. No questions or comments raised. KOF summarised the information in the answer to the question and ST raised the possibilities of a more varied career development path that might be available in PFMAC.
8. ST presented on Question 5. NAH spoke and mentioned the Strategic Plan that PFMAC had created and recently published. NAH also mentioned her view that the PFMAC BoD were friendly and keen to see a good school, such as St Mary's, join the PFMAC. JH mentioned that the BGN Governing Body would be discussing the Strategic Plan at the next meeting.

9. After the discussion on the report had concluded Chair then shared with attendees that the next steps would be a further extra-ordinary meeting in September to decide the direction for St. Mary's, with respect to the request from Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham, on further progression on Academisation.

10. Meeting ended with a prayer, led by the Chair.

The meeting closed at 19:00.

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