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**MANCHESTER CREATIVE STUDIO BOARD MEETING**  
**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2014, 6.00pm**

**Present:** David McCall (DM), Liz Forrester (LF), Alun Morgan (AM), Bernard Phillips (BP), Denise Proctor (DP), Andy Lovatt (ALt), Dave Barter (DB), Raja Miah (RM) and Robert Croll (RC)

**Apologies:** Amina Lone (ALe), James Spencer (JS), Max Larcombe (ML), Ben Barsky (BB)

**Chair:** David McCall

**Minutes:** Allyster Lee

**Welcome:**

DM welcomed everybody and self-introductions were made. DM apologises for cancellation of last meeting.

**Principal Appointment:**

LF confirms that the recruitment of the Principal had taken place and there had been a rigorous exercise supported by the DFE. LF confirms that the new principal will need support.

LF gives background to the appointments and candidates. LF confirms the best candidate was Nicola Barthorpe.

The board members were involved in the interview process and ML liaised with various members before offering the post.

The board welcomed the appointment of MP as principal.

**ACTION:** The board agree that NB would be appointed Principal.

**Funding Agreement Update:**

RM confirms there has been normal formal agreement from the DFE currently which was a concern given the number of commitments that the school has to make financial commitments to set up the space.

RM confirmed that student numbers were the key to accelerating this process.

**Student Recruitment:**

RC gave update on student recruitment activities and that there is currently 63 spaces reserved and that there are a number of events that are planned to support recruitment.

**ACTION:** RC to liaise with new PD and set up meet the Principal events.

**Statutory Consultation:**



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RM confirmed this is now complete and this work will be presented for next meeting.

**ACTION:** Circulate report for next meeting.

**BUILDING:**

AM gave update on building. Planning permission application in progress but work is progressing on the build.

**ACTION:** AM to chase up timescales on the build.

**AOB:**

There were no AOB's.

**Next Meeting:** It was proposed that the next board meeting would be on **19<sup>th</sup> March 2014** at Fourways House.

**CLOSED:**                **7.00pm**