



Pennine View School Academy Council
Thursday 12 March 2026 at 09:30
Pennine View School

Those Present:	Roles:	Initials:
Carl Cousins	Headteacher	CC
Kirsty Waddington	Chair/Parent Governor	KW
Sacha Schofield	Chair of Governors	SSc
Catherine McLaughlin	Governor	CM
Chris Rowse	Governor	CR
Sam Symonds	Staff Governor	SC
Carole Lawrie	Vice Chair	CL
Lindsay Thompson	Staff Governor	LT
Also Present:		
Emma Parker	Observer	EP
Lisa Suter	Nexus MAT Executive Regional Director	LS
Apologies:		

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Actions
1.1. To receive apologies for absence There were no apologies received.	
1.2. To accept apologies for absence None.	
2. OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS	
2.1. Outstanding Achievement Award CC discussed Best We Can Be Awards for: • Stacey Hanley • Steph Partridge • Mel Robinson • Sarah Chabowski Recognition for exceptional commitment, positive impact, and contribution to school ethos.	
3 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS	
3.1. Chair to determine any items of urgent business to be considered. None. 3.2. Confirmation of Resignation – Sally MacDonald SSc informed the AC of the resignation of SMc and was accepted. ACTION: Clerking services to send letter of thanks for time on the Academy Council as a governor.	ACTION: CLERKING SERVICES 12/03/26
4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	
4.1. Individual Governors to declare any personal, business, or other governance interests on any item on the agenda None.	
5. PENNINE VIEW SCHOOL ACADEMY COUNCIL MINUTES	
5.1. To approve the minutes of the following meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2025 were approved as a true record. Corrections noted: • Pupil enrolment figure corrected from 154 to 167.	

LA-requested places were incorrectly attributed to Pennine View; amended to clarify this refers to a different LA. ACTION: Clerking Services to make amendments to previous minutes noted.	ACTION: CLERKING SERVICES 12/03/26
5.2 Review of Action Tracker The outstanding actions on the tracker were reviewed and updated. Thrive Practitioner & School Visit Follow-up - Thrive sessions currently mainly 1:1, making observation more sensitive. - Governors viewed facilities; positive feedback received. - Staff considering video modelling or pupil-led presentations to help governors understand the provision. Action: Explore methods for pupils to share their experiences of Macaulay provision (e.g., video or presentation).	
5.3 Matters arising from the Minutes None.	
6. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED	
6.1 Headteacher Report <u>Inclusion</u> - AI-assisted summarisation now used for SOL/CAMHS reports, supporting staff access and understanding. - Clicker 7 rollout delayed until after Easter. - Precision Teaching shows strong impact, particularly for pupils with phonics or early reading challenges; staff are sharing and modelling sessions using Iris video tools. - Key worker referrals (via Brian Hemming) positive; additional targeted support in place. <u>Pupil Premium</u> - New 3-year strategy in place; £130k budget. - Investment areas include Thrive, Iris, staff training, and targeted interventions. - External review by CG praised clarity and alignment with school priorities. <u>Curriculum</u> - New report format reflects the latest Ofsted framework.	

- Evidence of strong curriculum impact in maths (highest entry level 3 outcomes to date) and writing.
- Potential development of functional skills pathways for higher-attaining pupils.

Teaching & Learning

- Learning cycle implementation is strong and visible across school.
- Iris used increasingly for coaching and modelling; early staff hesitation improving.
- Collaborative planning and peer review (e.g., Year 9/10 RE lesson study) being strengthened.

Achievement & Assessment

- OTrack/Sonar no longer fit for purpose.
- Exploration underway to utilise Bromcom more effectively for progress tracking.

Attendance

- Attendance trend appears low but influenced by:
 - increased pupil numbers over three years
 - several pupils on part-time timetables
 - two pupils with ongoing non-attendance due to complex external factors
- Adjusted attendance (excluding part-time factors) approx. 91.2%.

Tribunals & Admissions

- Offers made for 171 pupils for September.
- Ten pupils currently at Macaulay; two seeking change of placement.
- Concerns raised regarding LA clarity on the future of the hub model beyond the current 3-year pilot.

Behaviour & Exclusions

- One significant incident involving suspected controlled substances; handled appropriately with involvement of external services.

Personal Development

- Work experience remains challenging to secure; rethinking internal and partnership opportunities.

• Zones of Regulation and wellbeing-focused planning continue to support pupils. <u>Leadership & Governance</u> • Updated line management structure shared for staff clarity. • Sickness rates are low compared to Trust averages, though mainly due to long-term cases. <u>Safeguarding</u> • Safeguarding review by the Trust in November – practice consistent and secure. • Three DSL/DDSLs in place with additional staff completing DSL training for capacity.	
6.1.1 Appendix 1 - Updated SIP Document shared for information. • Strong progress across SIP priorities. • SIP to be reformatted to align with new Ofsted framework by next meeting.	
6.1. 2 Appendix 2 – School SEF Document shared for information.	
6.2. School Dashboard Summary Document shared for information.	
6.3. Budget Monitoring Report Document shared for information.	
6.4. School Calendar Document shared for information.	
6.5. Pupil Premium Discussed as part of the Headteacher report.	
6.6. Cabinet Members & MP's Feedback from Pupil Parliament ACTION: CC to explore ways for young people to provide feedback about their experiences at MaCauley to inform the Academy Council about the provision.	ACTION: CC 25/06/26
6.7. Skills Audit – Governor Self-Assessment SSc informed Skills Audit circulated; all members to complete. ACTION: All members to complete by Friday 27th March 2026 and send into Clerking Services.	ACTION: ALL MEMBERS 27/03/26

7. TRUST MATTERS	
7.1 Trust Verbal Update of Key Issues	
LS provided an update;	
- Trust merger progress. - Academisation of Seven Hills. - Reminder for all governors to complete Prevent training.	
8. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS	
8.1. To consider any other urgent business agreed by the Chair	
CC informed last meeting of the term clashes with Y11 leavers assembly and need to re-arrange.	
ACTION: CC to liaise with Clerking Services regarding the next meeting as there's a clash with Year 11 leavers Assembly.	ACTION: CC/ CLERKING SERVICES /03/26
9. CONFIDENTIALITY & RISK	
9.1. To consider the confidentiality of any items discussed during the meeting	
None.	

10. DATES OF NEXT MEETING		
Thursday 18 th June 2026	09:30 – 11:30	Pennine View Academy

Minutes approved.

CHAIR	SIGNATURE	DATE