

Meeting of the South Bank Academies Board

4.00 - 6.00 pm on Thursday, 30 March 2017
in University Academy of Engineering - Trafalgar Street, London SE17 2TP

Agenda

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4.00 pm on Tuesday, 11 July 2017

Members: Richard Flatman (Chair for the meeting), Adam Crossley, Douglas Denham St Pinnock, James Stevenson, Rao Bhamidimarri, and Richard Parrish

Apologies: David Phoenix, Steve McGuire and Tony Giddings

In attendance: Dan Smith, Michael Broadway and Pervena Singh

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Paper title:	Chair's Business: Appointment of Academy Principal
Board/Committee:	South Bank Academies Board Meeting
Date of meeting:	30 March 2017
Author:	Rao Bhamidimarri, CEO
Purpose:	To note
Recommendation:	The Board is asked to ratify the appointment of John Taylor as Principal of the University Academy of Engineering South Bank (Academy).

Executive Summary

The Board is asked to ratify the appointment of John Taylor as the Principal of the University Academy of Engineering South Bank (Academy).

The interviews for the Academy's permanent Principal took place on 22nd and 23rd March 2017. The panel composition included the Chair, CEO, local governors and a LSBU HR representative.

Six candidates were shortlisted to take part in a two day interactive assessment. Assessments included teaching lessons, presentations and a formal interview.

Following the rigorous selection process, the panel came to a unanimous agreement on the appointment of John. John demonstrated a clear understanding of the Academy's vision and project based learning, including the potential of the Academy to provide real opportunities for social mobility for students and positive impact on the surrounding community.

Biography - John Taylor

John is currently Deputy Headteacher at the London Nautical School, a role he has undertaken since September 2013. He was previously Assistant Headteacher at the school (Sept 2010 – Aug 2013). Prior to this he was a Teaching and Learning Consultant at the London Borough of Lambeth (Apr 2006 – Aug 2010).

At the London Nautical School, John was the strategic lead for major areas of the school evaluation process and built a culture of accountability for middle leaders and teachers, which led to the school improving its achievement percentage for A* to C grades in English and Maths from 42% to 61% in 2 years. John's vision and strategy

to consistently improve learning and teaching changed the London Nautical School Ofsted's rating from 'Requires Improvement' in 2013 to 'Good' in 2015.

Under John's leadership, the school departments have embraced online classroom spaces, including the adoption of Google Classrooms and G-Suite, which allows parents and carers to view student's curriculum, homework and school resources.

Within the Science and English the school has developed 'You Choose' which enables students to choose their teacher on the basis of course content and teaching style, increasing ownership of their education.

John holds a National Professional Qualification for Headship for age groups 11 to 18, a Post Graduate Diploma in Special Educational Needs in Secondary Schools, and a Post Graduate Certificate in Education in Secondary Science Teaching with Chemistry and Physics.

Current Role

London Nautical School – Deputy Headteacher

700 Students

September 2013 to Present (Promoted from Assistant Head)

Key responsibility for Teaching and Learning

OFSTED rating

Good Last inspection (2015)

Requires Improvement (2013 and 2009)

'School leaders have acted quickly and effectively to address the weaknesses identified by the school's last inspection. As a result, the quality of teaching, as well as other aspects of the school's work, is now consistently good'

Previous Relevant Roles

Lambeth Local Authority and the National Strategies - 2006 to 2010

School Improvement Consultant

Improving the quality of teaching and learning in science across 12 secondary schools in Lambeth

Myrtle Springs School (Sheffield) - 2000 to 2006

Head of Science

1100 Students