

SAND Academies Trust



Terms of Reference: Quality of Education Committee

Objective / Responsibility

The committee's responsibility is to oversee and evaluate the standards of the member academies of SAND Academies Trust in relation to academic performance against key performance indicators, which are set in consultation with the LAB (Local Advisory Board).

The committee, which is accountable to the trust board, shall make whatever recommendations to the trust board that it deems appropriate within the context of its terms of reference.

Membership

The committee will consist of at least three members of the trust board to include the CEO of the Academy Trust assuming the CEO is also a trustee. Committee membership will also include the Director of School Improvement.

The committee will be chaired by a trustee who has been appointed from within the committee membership.

Any meeting of the committee will be quorate as long as at least 3 trustees or committee members are present.

Voting

Voting is by a majority and the chair of the committee will have a casting vote in the event of a tie.

Meetings

The committee will meet six times per academic year or more often if required.

Meeting administration

The Governance Professional for SAND Academies Trust will administer all meetings for the committee under direction from the trust board and the committee chair.

Terms of Reference

The committee will:

- Drive improvement in achievement, attainment and performance in all schools within the trust
- Hold the CEO and leadership to account for the academic standards and the quality of teaching / education of all schools within the Trust
- Receive and review reports from the Headteachers of each school in relation to academic standards and the quality of teaching / education

- Receive and review school development plans for each school
- Determine the strategy for performance management in the member schools and oversee the Performance Management policy
- Review Ofsted reports and make recommendations to the Local Advisory Board as appropriate
- Identify and share excellent pedagogy and teaching practice
- Identify and share curriculum developments that will enhance educational opportunities and performance for all young people in the trust
- Conduct or authorise investigations into any matters within its scope of responsibility
- Scrutinise and review relevant trust policies in line with the scheme of delegation and make any recommendations on policy to the trust board
- Identify, monitor and review any risks relevant to the quality of education within the trust
- Review the committee's membership on an annual basis to ensure that it has appropriate skills and relevant experience

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