



MINUTES

Minutes of the James Rennie School Local Advisory Board meeting, held at James Rennie School, California Road, Carlisle, CA3 0BU, on 26th March 2026 at 13:15pm

Attendance:

Kerry Dunbobbin	KD	Headteacher
Lisa Faulder	LF	Parent LAB member/Teaching Assistant
Rachel Woolley	RW	LAB member/Teacher
Lisa Johnston	LJ	LAB member/Teacher
Also present		
Emma McDermott	EM	Clerk

Apologies:

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Absent:

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Ref.	Discussions and decisions	Action
1/2024-25	Welcome, introductions and apologies No apologies received	
2/2024-25	Declaration of interests and offer/receipt of gifts or hospitality There were no new declarations.	
3/2024-25	Minutes and actions from the last meeting Minutes of the meeting held on 23 rd October 2025 were agreed. Ref. item #: 03/2024-25	
4/2024-25	Feedback from LAB Liaison and other Board/Committee meetings: Not able to comment at the moment.	
5/2024-25	Head's update LAB Update:	

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	John has stepped down as Chair of the LAB. Kerry has had a meeting with Keith Holroyd and John Moffatt. Keith is going to send out some recruitment documents and John Moffatt is going to reach out to some people that may be interested. SEF and SIP: The group looked at the School improvement and Self-evaluation plan. One key thing on plans is to look at developing the outreach and training packages into local schools, this is in progress at the moment with the local authority. School improvement visits: The school recently had a visit from QA Kris and Carley and this was really positive. Kerry is going to share the feedback on this before Easter. The school will be taking place in a peer to peer visit on 5th May. Finance update: Amy is currently working on the budgets for this year, things are looking steady but school are overspent on staffing which was to be expected. Plans are in place to improve security work and fencing around the school site, trees are being felled and plans are being discussed for additional parking. There are still improvements that need made to the Lower School playground as this is especially muddy and wet in bad weather. Staffing and Pupils: School is still at full capacity for pupil numbers and have no space for any additional classrooms. There are 181 staff members and 217 pupils. Pressure on pupil places still continues. Kerry is liaising with the local authority. Pupil outcomes and OFSTED: Sophie has been doing a bit of work on vulnerable groups e.g. medically vulnerable pupils, safeguarding areas, and pupil premium numbers. The school is still inside the OFSTED window,	
6/2024-25	Stakeholder engagement The school have lots of links with the local community and have recently hosted coffee mornings, choir sessions, soft play and sensory sessions, gymnastics, swimming and horse-riding.	
7/2024-25	LAB engagement	

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	School have recently held a Spring fair and some LAB members attended this. Arthur has also been working with the climate action group and has been into school to do some music sessions.	
8/2024-25	Items to be raised with the Board of Trustees Nothing to raise	

There are no confidential minutes for this meeting.

Meeting closed at 14:00

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