

Chesterton Community College
Minutes from the Full Governing Body (FGB) Meeting
12th October 2016 at 7pm

Present: Helen Arnold (HA), Kath Hutchinson (KH), Colleen Lehane (CL), Lucy Lewis (LL), Shelley Lockwood (SL), Roger Mann (RM), Eva Pepper (EP), Simon Peyton-Jones (SPJ), Jim Warwick (JW), Mary Sanders (MS), Lucy Scott (LS), Morag Morrison- Helme (MMH), Peter Rodgers (PR), Michaela Eschbach (ME), Rolf Purvis (RP), Clare Hargraves (CH), Martin Russell (MR), Tim Spencer (TS), Donna Young (DY) and Peter Watts(PW).

1. **Apologies:** Jo Borroughes, Shahida Rahman, Masum Shaikh and Luke Turner and Oonagh Monkhouse.
2. **Election of Chair/Vice Chair:** Shelley and Jim nominated Simon Peyton Jones as Chair to which the committee agreed. Jim Warwick was voted as Vice Chair. SPJ thanked Jim for all his hard work.
3. **Agree Terms of Reference for FGB 2016/2017:** These were all agreed by the committee. The new governor portal was discussed which is a way of governors having access to all relevant documents prior to and after the committee meetings.
4. **Declaration of Business Interests:** None.
5. **Register of Business Interests:** None.
6. **To complete Pecuniary Interest forms:** Governors completed the forms and returned them to the Clerk.
7. **Minutes of the last meeting (07.07.16):** These were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chair.
8. **Policies to be ratified:** **Education Visits Charging Statement:** All agreed.
Child Protection Policy: All agreed.
RE and Collective Worship Policy: Slight changes to be made.
Uniform Policy: All agreed.

Health and Safety Policy: All agreed.

Anti Bullying: This was agreed by the committee but a governor suggested that this was looked at by the Pastoral Committee again next year.

**Action: Clerk to look at RE policy with Becky Palmer and make changes as suggested.
Clerk to add Anti Bullying to next years Pastoral agenda.**

9. Results

Andy Cornick and Clare Hargraves spoke to the committee about the recent GCSE results. Governors were shown a power point presentation and were spoken through the data. 79% of students achieved A* to C grade including English and Math's. 52% achieved A*-C including English and Math's for Pupil Premium students.

The results put Chesterton in the top 5% of Schools Nationally. Progress 8 scores were explained to governors, progress 8 is a measure of how much students have progressed from the time they start at Chesterton to when they leave. Our progress 8 score was 0.61, 1 being the target, making us very high up.

Raise online was spoken about and governors queried how some of the content is displayed to which CH responded to ensure governors are fully aware of how the information is captured and displayed. The new GCSE grading was spoke about and governors had some concerns on how the next cohort will reach the grades. CH responded and said we are in a stronger position than we were a year ago judging by the progress 8 scores we are confident students are making accelerated progress.

Governors queried the figures for the SEND students. C H explained that it really depends on the cohort and the nature of the individual. Figures showed that this year we have 54 SEND students compared to 37 L/YR.

Donna Hubbard-Young entered at 7.45

CH summarised by saying we are confident that our children are making good progress, and that we can pick up needs quickly and deal with them as necessary. HOS are fully engaged and have a better understanding and can alter things were appropriate to achieve the higher levels. CH explained to the committee that the official figures will be published on the DFE website tomorrow.

RM wanted to congratulate the staff on great results again this year. The Governing Body fully agreed and wanted to thank and congratulate staff.

SPJ thanked AC and CH.

Action: Clerk to add power point presentation on to governor portal.

10. Energy Infrastructure

MR went through the energy infrastructure plan with governors. It was agreed that this needs a working group it was decided that a small group should work on this and feedback more information to the committee before a decision should be made.

A suggestion of sending out a parentmail was made to look at the possibility of getting some parents on board. Jim Warwick volunteered to be part of the working group along with Michaela Eschbach but she wanted to make it clear due to work commitments she won't be able to commit to regular meetings but would be happy to help out where she can.

The committee granted the working group authority to organise a full survey, but to come back to the FGB before committing to any deal. Governors questioned if any other schools have already signed up to this deal, to which MR fed back that some schools have gone with it but he is still doing more investigations. The deadline for a decision is January.

11. Build Update

The new build was discussed and where we are at in the process so far. MR is due to meet up with the construction team to restart the process. Planning consultation is booked in for December. Current plan is to start in March 2018.

Governor's questions are current intake of students to which RP explained it's very unlikely that we turn down students within the catchment area.

12. MAT Update

LS explained how we are still in negotiations with Arbury Primary School. A few meetings have been held but we decided it's not productive to rush things. Some schools have reservations about joining up with secondary schools in general its driven by Primary's. LS went on to explain how we are looking to start something by the end of the next academic year.

13. Free School Bid

LS explained how we have submitted two Free School bid applications, one to a school in Godmanchester and one to a Math's Sixth Form College. We feel these were both powerful proposals. A decision should be made by March from which we hope to be invited to a Mock Interview.

14. Ofsted and Pupil Premium

LS explained how we have appointed new learning mentors who are working really hard with the students. We are in the process of finishing staff appraisals.

15. SLT Report

LS went through the Senior Leadership Report with governors which had previously been circulated before the meeting highlighting results, training days, preparation for Ofsted, MAT update, Help your child Evenings and the Chesterton Reporting System.

16. AOB

LL told the committee how she had attended a positive termly briefing meeting for governors.

All senior leadership were asked to leave the meeting. SPJ explained to the governing body that now we are a Multi Academy Trust we must explicitly appoint a Chief Executive, even though we are currently a Single School MAT. The governing body decided that they would like to invite Lucy Scott to be the Chief Executive.

Governors suggested that Staff at Chesterton should be made aware that we are now employed by the Trust to which the committee agreed.

17. Date of next meeting: 9th December 2016.

This meeting closed at 9.10pm.