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**Teaching and Learning Committee  
Minutes**

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- 1. Present:** Andrew Kennedy, Simon Peyton-Jones, Roger Mann, Paul Tonks, Kirsten Branigan, Helen Entwistle, Heidi Watters, Ayesha Tahir, Mark Patterson, Rolf Purvis, Lloyd Brown, Steven Erickson, Katharine Hutchinson, Paul Williams, Richard Kirkby.
- 2. Apologies:** Belinda Jones

#### Conflicts of interest

None were declared

#### Terms of reference

The Terms of Reference for the T&L committee were accepted by the committee and will be sent to the FGB for ratification.

**Action: Clerk**

#### Minutes of the last meeting

These were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

#### Website Images Policy

This was accepted, subject to changing Pupil to Student.

**Action: Richard Kirkby**

#### e-safety policy

It was suggested that the policy should be organised under headings with a statement of purpose at the beginning. Richard Kirkby will add a reference to e-safety within the I-Behave comment bank.

**Action: Richard Kirkby**

#### Kirkby

Both of these are separate from the ICT Acceptable use policy (We have one for Staff and one for Students)

#### Computing and ICT curriculum at Chesterton.

- We welcome the recognition of computer science as a subject discipline that can and should be taught at school.
- As a statement of intent and direction, we agreed that we will introduce a identifiable strand of computing into our KS3 curriculum, from Year 7 onwards; and offer the option of a GCSE in Computing or Computer Science at KS4 for those who want to choose it.
- We need a balanced curriculum, including ICT, not just computer science!
- Things we are now doing: Scratch, Logo, Flowol, Lego robots, starting a robotics club, programming, Gadgeteer
- Generally speaking, students arrive with pretty good digital literacy skills; except with spreadsheets.

## **Anti-Bullying Policy**

- Re-titled "Dealing with unpleasantness between students" and made much shorter.
- Alternative title "Ensuring consistent positive behaviour".
- Agreed that this should be an appendix to the main Behaviour Policy
- The committee liked the brevity
- Under "Working together", add a note encouraging parents to approach their form tutor promptly if they believe their child is a victim of unpleasantness.
- Move the Jan 2013 target date out of the policy and into the school improvement plan

**Action: Lloyd**

## **Brown**

### **Ethos Spotlight**

This is based on quite a bit of feedback from both parents and students.

- Good feature that shines through repeatedly: school is a welcoming place.
- Identified some unpleasantness (from a tiny minority) at break and lunchtime; the school is actively working on this, with some good results.

Some Year 7 parents find the transition to the stricter rules a bit arbitrary or inconsistently applied. There may be a transition issue here (primary to secondary). Perhaps we could do a bit more at induction?

**Action: Lloyd/ Mark to check Year 7 parents and students' perceptions of the school behaviour.**

### **Design Technology (DT) Spotlight**

Steve Erickson spoke briefly about the DT Spotlight Report.

- DT staff: we have nine DT teachers, covering Construction, Child Development, Product Design, Textiles, Food Technology.
- Currently no Head of Faculty for DT; hence lack of leadership in the faculty. (But NB that results are good, so it is very far from a crisis!)
- Out of school clubs could be given a higher profile.
- All KS4 qualifications that we offer are popular, with good take-up.

### **School Day 2012**

Mark Patterson presented Model 2 of a School Day Discussion Document, for Governors' information.

- SLT is reviewing the structure of the school day, starting with a comprehensive discussion document for staff.
- Now working on Model 2.
  - Longer tutor time: 20 mins/day
  - Split lunchtime (the biggest difference), plus a head start for Y7. Lunchtime clubs still possible, but not across all years. Would ameliorate lunch queues.

- Period 7 and 8 extends the school day for specific students only:
  - twilight classes (optional)
  - catch-up tuition (may be compulsory)
  - homework club (may be compulsory)

MP is confident that this extra time can be resourced

- Later perhaps, a move towards “vertical tutoring”, smaller tutor groups

### **Year 7 mid-year results**

Maybe they can be sent home in envelopes, so that students can't share them with each other?

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012