

Chesterton Community College
Pastoral Committee
Minutes from the 08th February 2017

Present: Roger Mann (RM), Chair, Lucy Scott (Head), Helen Arnold (HA), Colleen Lehane (CL), Rolf Purvis (RP) Michaela Eschbach (ME) Lynsey Rooker (LR)

This meeting was quorate with 5 governors out of 7 present.

1. **Apologies:** Lucy Lewis

2. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests:** None declared.

3. **Register of Business Interests:** None declared.

4. **Minutes of the last meeting (17/11/2016):** These were all agreed and signed as a true record by the chair. The actions from the minutes were discussed to which all had been completed. The clerk fed back that the Risk Assessments were complete and are added to the Governor Portal for governors to look through.

5. **Pass Survey/Inclusion Support/Research:** LR gave an in-depth analysis of the Pass Survey and what's involved. It was explained that the Pass Survey is Pupils Attitude to Self and School. This has been a working project for 2 years and is a preventative Measure to sort issues out before it arises. The report provides a lot of valuable data to which governors were presented with a break down divided into Year groups and boys/girls . It looks at 9 standard measures which are Feelings about School, Perceived Learning Capability, Self-Regard, Preparedness for Learning, Attitudes to Teachers, General Work Ethic, Confidence in Learning, Attitudes to Attendance and Response to Curriculum Demands. Interpreting percentile scores is then categorised into colours, Red being low satisfaction with their School experience to Green being satisfaction with their school experience. With the in-between colours of yellow being moderate and Orange being low moderate. Governors questioned how many students had taken part in the survey and were there any surprises that staff may not have generally been aware of. LR explained that 574 students took the survey and there were no surprises. LR highlighted some data, one of which being that 61% feel positive about school. Governors questioned if this was a change from last year to which LR responded that there was much more yellow last year with a higher proportion being Green this year. Governors questioned if there was ever any objections to taking part in the survey to which the answer was no. Governors asked if results get shared with parents to

which LR responded that this is not the case unless we felt it was necessary and would benefit the student.

Nurture Group: This a project that was started in January 2015 by LR and is designed to support, both socially and emotionally, a group of students that have been identified as presenting with additional needs. The group size is around 5/10 students. It consisted of a 90 minute session per week with a designated youth worker, who unfortunately we no longer have available to us. LR spoke in detail about how the project is going and said that it was proving difficult to get an allocated time for students to attend. LR explained that she is hoping to build this project up again ready to start in September. It was questioned who would take over the youth worker role to which LR explained that whoever did it would need to attend a training course. LS suggested Assistant Heads of House could do this role, an avenue which the committee were keen to explore.

Inclusion Support: LR went through the Inclusion Support that is currently on offer at Chesterton. LR explained the different options that are available throughout the week for students and how it is split through the week to ensure that students can get the support that they need. LR explained that we now only have the school nurse one day a week. Young Carers workers come in once a fortnight to support students as well as a school councillor and a lady from locality who works with students on social skills and friendship building.

The Committee thanked LR for all she is doing to help to support students.

6. **First Aid Policy:** A few amendments had been made to the policy to which the committee were all in agreement. The policy had been circulated to governors prior to the meeting.
7. **Accessibility Plan:** This was approved by governors and had been circulated prior to the meeting.
8. **A.O.B:** Governors suggested to the chair that they would like an update on careers. It was agreed to invite Erinn Heggan (Head of Careers) to the next Pastoral meeting.
9. **Date of the next meeting:** 27th April 2017.

This meeting closed at 4.45pm