



**CHESTERTON
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**Chesterton Community College
Full Governing Body Minutes
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MINUTES OF THE FULL GOVERNING BODY (FGB) MEETING

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Present: Lucy Scott (Head), Simon Peyton-Jones (Chair), Jim Warwick (Vice-Chair), Katharine Hutchinson, Belinda Jones (from 8.45pm), Shelley Lockwood, Helen Arnold, Mark Little (Director of Finance and Resources), Jo Burroughes, Roger Mann, Eva Pepper, Mary Sanders, Andrew Kennedy, Ayesha Tahir, Kirsten Branigan, Alistair Wayne, Lucy Lewis, Donna Young (Assistant Head), Lloyd Brown (Deputy Head), Andy Cornick (Data Manager)

- 1.** This meeting was quorate 16 Governors out of 18 present. (Quorum is a minimum of 9 Governors)

In attendance: Wendy Palmby (Clerk)

Apologies: David Carter and Colleen Lehane

- 2. Welcome:** The Chair extended his welcome to all Governors present and to the Staff members who attended the meeting. A warm welcome was also given to the new non-teaching Governor, Jo Burroughes.

- 3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests:** None were declared.

- 4. Register of Business Interests:** Simon Peyton Jones and Andrew Kennedy declared that they worked for Microsoft

- 5. Minutes of the last FGB meeting (03/12/2014):** These were agreed by all Governors and signed as a true record.

- 6. Matters arising:**

All actions had been completed.

- 7. Policies for Ratification:**

- Data Protection Policy
- Freedom of Information Policy
- Governors involvement Policy

The above policies had all been reviewed by the Personnel Committee and were agreed and ratified at this meeting.

Action: Clerk to send to IT for the website

- 8. Raise Online Report:**

Andy Cornick (Data Manager) gave a presentation on the Raise Online Summary 2014, page by page, to give Governors a clear understanding of the data it contained. The National results have gone down overall but Chesterton's results have gone up.

The data was discussed in detail and the Governors asked numerous questions about the data and its significance for Chesterton.

The Chair thanked Andy for the work he had done on this and for his presentation.

9. Pupil Premium and Low Attainers:

The Headteacher, Lucy Scott, gave a short explanation on where Chesterton was at with Pupil Premium (PP) and low attaining students. A summary sheet was circulated to Governors explaining structures put in place around the key aspects of the provision.

Many of the PP students have various other issues (including home issues) which affect their learning and the teaching for these students has to be spot on. The SEN specialist at Chesterton, Jo Burroughes, gave the meeting some additional information and explained that she is working on a report which will have recommendations for the school. This will also give guidance for support at home.

Chesterton is providing pastoral mentoring and we have one Cover Supervisor who is dedicated to mentoring some of the year 11 students on a daily basis. Additional Maths tutors have been employed with some of the PP funding and we have also taken on a home tutor for some students.

The model for year groups from September 2015 gave information on staffing and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for teachers.

Governors asked questions about the staffing and the funding and the Headteacher responded clarifying the situation. The 'C' group which was previously known as 7M is now being taught by more than one teacher.

The Governors wanted to clarify that the various interventions applied to all low-attaining students, not only those attracting PP funding. The Headteacher confirmed that this was the case.

Donna Young talked about "Team Up" which is a team of University graduates who are coming in to help the top end students.

10. Update on the Strategic Committee meeting:

The Senior Leadership Team had day away from school on the first training day of the year to consider plans and ideas for the school going forward. One of the topics was marketing the school and making Chesterton the "go-to" educational establishment.

Looking at year 5 and 6 students it was decided to offer masterclasses to help develop the mindfulness of students before they make the transition to secondary education and also assist those year 6 students who were being entered for the KS2 level 6 SATS in English and Maths. These classes will be happening in February, March and April and during the Easter holidays.

A discussion followed on the right place to advertise these classes, their cost, and where it would be best viewed.

11. Headteachers report:

This report had been circulated to Governors previously and a lot of the content had been discussed under the points above. Chesterton is hoping to be an ITT (Initial

Teacher Training) school and further updates on this will be given at the summer meeting.

Recruitment has become a massive issue for schools. (50.000 teachers left the profession last year). Therefore there is a need for the school to put together better packages for teachers and be creative when advertising the posts.

Our fundraiser has been working on bids for the school which we should know the results of in March/April of this year.

We have been encouraging Press coverage with positive messages from the school. Building plans are ongoing.

12. A.O.B:

One of our Community Governors, Kirsten Branigan, had come to the end of her term and was re-elected for another term. All were unanimously in favour.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.