

**Chesterton Community College**  
**Strategic committee Minutes**  
**20<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

- 1. Present:** Lucy Scott (Headteacher), Simon Peyton-Jones (Chair), Shelley Lockwood, Eva Pepper, Mary Sanders, Rolf Purvis (Deputy Head), Lloyd Brown (Deputy Head), Steve Erickson (Assistant Head), Donna Young (Assistant Head), Mark Little (Director of Finance and Resources),
- 2. Apologies:** Jim Warwick, Roger Mann, Kirsten Branigan, Helen Arnold, Katrina Patterson (Temporary Assistant Head), Clare Hargraves (Assistant Head)  
**In attendance:** Wendy Palmby (Clerk)  
This meeting was quorate with 5 Governors out of 9 present. (Quorum is a minimum of 3 Governors)
- 3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests:** None were declared.
- 4. Register of Business:** None were declared.
- 5. Minutes of the last meeting,** (14.01.2015) were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair. There were no matters arising.
- 6. School Led Initial Teacher Training (SCITT):** Steve Erickson led a discussion on a bid that Chesterton were putting together to lead a SCITT, consisting of a consortium of local schools. This would enable us to take a leading role in training new teachers, taking into account the changing landscape and the movement of trainees into schools. We have experience in depth of teacher training; we have mentors in school; and have been mentoring trainees at Chesterton for some years. Leading a SCITT could be very helpful in teacher recruitment. It is also an opportunity for professional development for the school.

Steve Erickson explained how the system worked and answered various questions from Governors. Mr Little explained the financial implications surrounding this scheme and said that overall in the long term it would not be detrimental to the school's finances.

**Action:** Steve Erickson to send a copy of the bid to Governors

- 7. New Build:** Lucy Scott updated the Governors on the position with the new build and that feedback had been positive so far. Some Parents have offered to look at the plans from an architect's point of view and we are sharing the plans with two of these at the moment. We are also waiting for the outcome of the contractors bidding from the County.

A Parent's forum is being held on 24<sup>th</sup> March following the Resource Governor's meeting and Graham Tweed and Rob Lewis are hoping to be at that meeting. Mr Little talked about the timing of the project and explained that he was in discussions with the project management team. Governors asked about the plans and what the build would look like. It was explained that the next phase was to get the contractors on board and then to meet with them to discuss our expectations. Various discussions followed between Governors and staff as to how this would be managed and the involvement of the Resource committee. It was agreed that it was important to have a "wish list" compiled before the discussions with contractors began.

**Action:** Lucy/Mark and Simon Peyton-Jones to meet to discuss once the contractor is known

- 8. Update on A7:** Lynsey Rooker gave a brief update on the changes regarding A7. Lynsey circulated a report document for Governors with details of the A7 changes and the inclusion support offered at Chesterton. The referral system for students had been improved and the students were reviewed on a regular basis. It is a short term reprieve for students and the aim is to return them to working in the classroom as soon as possible. Governors asked about staffing and Lynsey explained that it was staffed all of the time. The Head thanked Lynsey for admirably managing the new provision.

**9. Chesterton's Relationship with Cambridge Regional College (CRC):** There was insufficient time to discuss this item at the meeting, but Lucy Scott agreed to circulate a note to governors to explain the proposal. **Action** Lucy Scott.

**10. A.O.B:** There was none

The meeting closed at 9.00 am.