



ST WILFRID'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Meeting of the Full Governing Body Held on 4th April 2017 at 17:00 in the PLC

Present: Mr Brydon, Miss D'Souza, Mr Ferry, Mrs Gallagher, Mrs Kerr, Mrs Pegley, Mrs Oddy, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Taylor.

In attendance: Associate Members Mr Franke, Mr Lewis, Mrs Thrower, Mr Marr

Apologies: Monsignor Barry

It was noted that in the absence of the Clerk (Mrs James-Bailey) the minutes of this meeting were to be taken by Mrs Thrower (Items 1 - 10) and Mrs Robinson (Items 11 onwards)

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer

Mrs Oddy opened the meeting with a prayer

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received and approved from Monsignor Barry

3. Approval of the minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th November and 15th December were approved and signed as a true copy

4. Matters arising from the minutes if not covered in the Agenda

There were no matters arising from the minutes

5. Governor Appointments

It was noted that Mrs Oddy had renewed her appointment as a foundation governor for a further term of office. Mrs Kerr had been reappointed as staff governor and Mrs Pegley was confirmed as LA governor

6. School Budget Approval

The school Budget having been previously agreed at the Finance committee was ratified by the committee. It was noted that some income figures were still indicative and therefore if there are any minor amendments to be made delegation was granted to the Finance Committee to ratify any of these changes.

It was noted that although a balanced budget had been set this was at a cost of a reduced curriculum in some areas and non-replacement of some staff who had left. It was further highlighted the pressure schools are under in the present financial climate. Recruitment continues to an issue and there are still a few posts to be filled before September.

7. Policy Ratification

The policies previously circulated to all governors having formally been agreed at Committee level were all ratified.





8. Admission Arrangements

The new Admission Policy for 2018 adopted by the Diocese and having previously been circulated to governors was agreed having had a few minor amendments made to the oversubscribed criteria.

It was noted that 84% of students admitted for September 2017 were Catholic and there is a waiting list of 70. In response to a question it was confirmed that all Catholic children had been allocated a place.

9. Ratification of Committee TORS

The terms of reference for all committees were agreed

10. SIP update:

Teaching and Learning

A presentation on Teaching and Learning was given by Mr Lewis who highlighted the following taking place in school;

- Lesson objective
- Learning Walks
- Life after levels
- Marking Policy
- Boys leaning
- Show my homework (A new piece of software to be introduced for all students from September with a trial taking place in the Summer term)
- Performance Targets for Staff
- Culture of Marking
- Preparing staff in the Summer term for the new Show my Homework package

Behaviour

A presentation on behaviour was given by Mr Franke, who highlighted the challenges faced in school with students who have social, mental and behaviour issues and the impact this can have on staff and students.

It was noted that although our exclusion rate is slightly above the national average within our locality we are below all other schools.

Regular analysis is undertaken on behaviour with year leaders and Mr Franke.

It was noted that cutback have meant that the support offered to the school in the past by the Local Authority is no longer provided.

Performance Management Data

A presentation on the performance management data was given by Mr Marr

The following areas of improvement were highlighted:

- Progress and attainment in Maths
- Progress and attainment of disadvantaged students
- Narrowing the gap





With regard to where we are now the following was highlighted:

- It was noted that there is still external uncertainty regarding English and Maths grade boundaries with regard to the 9 – 1 grading system.
- It appears that there has been minimal research for harder content
- There are no mark schemes
- Previous attainment and estimates do not apply
- The effect of this is there is not a sense of what progress is meaning it is difficult to target set with accuracy

Current Yr11 sig 1-1 – attainment below national average on entry into KS3

Governors were invited to a presentation and questions morning on the 28th April from 9.30 – 10.30 to include the Lock and Inspection Dash Board and more information regarding the homework software. It was noted this was an Inset Day

Governors recorded their thanks for 3 excellent presentations

11. Fair Funding – Draft letter from Governors

Mr Ferry updated governors on the “Worthless Campaign” and the meeting with Henry Smith last week, please see link to Crawley Observer <http://www.crawleyobserver.co.uk/news> for more information regarding this meeting.

The Chair is to sign a letter on behalf of the Governors regarding the action on the 19th May. It was noted that there had been an incredible amount of time spent by Mr Ferry on this matter.

12. Committee Reports

It was noted that the Chapel loan had now been repaid and that Mr Gravenor was in the process of arranging removal of the Bio-mass boiler.

13. Trip Approval (Tanzania)

Governors gave approval for the trip to Tanzania

14. Governors Visits

There were no governors visits to record

15. A.O.B

Mrs Thrower was to be asked to arrange a bouquet of flowers be presented to Mrs Devaney on her retirement from Education on Friday 7th April.

Item 16 MAT update was recorded as a confidential item

The meeting closed at 19:45pm

Signed **Date.....**



