



MINUTES OF THE CATMOSE COLLEGE LGB MEETING
THURSDAY 16 MARCH 2017
AT CATMOSE COLLEGE FROM 5.00PM

Present: Mrs Mould, Mr Mellors, Mrs Arnold, Mrs Howard, Mrs Gilboy,
Mr Rhowbotham, Mr Nicoll, Mr Wright, Mr Williams, Mr Holt (Chair),
Mrs Gautrey and Mr Denton.

In attendance: Mrs Tyers (Clerk), Mrs Macdonald, Mrs Savage and Mrs Ray.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr Wainwright, Mr Simmonds & Mr Mulvey.

It was noted that Mr Quinn had tendered his resignation.

2. Declarations of Business Interests

None.

3. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12 January 2017 were agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting and were signed by Mr Holt as Chair.

4. Update on Mental Health First Aid

Mrs Skipsey was welcomed to the meeting to present to governors on the Mental Health First Aid provision within the College.

Mr Holt questioned whether Mrs Skipsey would be offering this service to Harington students. Mr Williams confirmed that this wasn't currently in place but the Harington staff were trained in September.

Governors questioned whether the Mental health comes up within PSHE. Mrs Macdonald confirmed that this does feature. Mrs Gilboy confirmed that she had spoken to a young student at a mental health event had mentioned how she would have liked to see mental health with tutorials but accepted that this was needed.

Mrs Skipsey was thanked for attending and then left the meeting.

5. Pupil Premium Review

Covered within the Scrutiny Panel update.

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6. Scrutiny Panel Update

Pupil Premium

Mr Rhowbotham outlined the key points from the recent Pupil Premium scrutiny panel. Governors were pleased to be told that the PPG was being used in a way which meant that the disadvantaged pupils were progressing well against the other students.

Mr Denton questioned whether the average data could be compared against local schools. Mr Williams outlined the reasons why this does not get published however this could be compared for attainment and Progress 8.

Governors discussed the impact on the results of reducing the amount of Triple Science.

Q: Following a question, Mr Williams confirmed that this document would be reviewed annually.

Performance Review

Mr Rhowbotham outlined the key points from the recent scrutiny panel on performance reviews.

Mrs Macdonald outlined the probation period that all staff undertake when they start work at the College.

Mrs Macdonald then outlined the interim reviews which are being undertaken at present.

7. Update on Designated Special Provision

Mr Williams circulated the briefing paper that had been written for Mr David Wilby (Cabinet Member) at the Local Authority following the challenge that a mistake had been made and the funding had been reduced by £90,000. Mr Williams confirmed that the College has the proof of this error and would pursue this to ensure that the funding and places are rectified.

It was noted that following a request on the freedom of information act to review the cost of SEN provision, Catmose College currently charges £10,000 per pupil and to send a child out of the County would cost £80,000.

Q: Following a question, Mrs Ray confirmed that each child in the DSP was so individual she was unable to state how much each place cost.

Q: Following a question, Mrs Ray confirmed that 7 children within the DSP were entitled to PPG.

8. Scorecards

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Ms Savage outlined the behaviour within the College and how this is assessed across the year groups. She outlined how they are focus on the Year 8 students to try and reduce the pattern going forward when their behaviour has historically deteriorated during Year 9.

Mrs Macdonald agreed to recirculate the data regarding the attendance due to an error in the figures presented to governors. **ACTION JMD**

Mrs Macdonald presented the data on the outcomes of the lesson observations which were well within the targets for good and outstanding.

The Outcome scorecards were circulated prior to the meeting. A governor raised a concern that the ICT outcomes were a little low and Mr Williams outlined the reasons for this and the actions being taken to address this. A governors queried the physics in Year 9. It was noted that a member of staff who had taught incorrectly for the checkpoint assessment and was being addressed by SLT.

Governors thanked the SLT for providing the scorecards and complimented the format which they found easy to understand.

9. Principal's Report

The Principal's report was circulated prior to the meeting.

It was noted that the question posed at the previous meeting regarding trips had been outlined. Governors were grateful for this information. SLT noted the changes that have been made following the questions from governors.

Governors were congratulated on their input towards the Harington 'outstanding' grade.

Governors were pleased to hear that the College was performing well in sports around the County.

Governors were pleased to hear how well Youth Speaks were doing.

Mr Williams confirmed that three students had been on the BBC News and also a student had won a prize for the Big Bang Science competition at the NEC.

10. AOB

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