



MINUTES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY OF CATMOSE
COLLEGE

Thursday 12 November 2015 at Catmose College
Huntsmans Drive, Oakham at 4.30pm

Present: Mr Williams (Principal), Mr Quinn, Mr Sammy, Mr Wright, Mr Rhowbotham, Mr Wainwright, Mr Simmonds, Mr Mellors, Mr Holt (Chair), Mrs Gilboy, Mr Wiffen, Mr Mulvey, Mrs Mould and Mrs Howard.

In attendance: Mrs Tyers (Clerk), Mrs Ray, Ms Savage, Mr Gale and Mr Harrison.

1. Apologies for absence and Introductions

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr Denton, Mr Nicoll, Mr Nicoll, Mr Arnold, Mrs Gautrey & Mrs Fowler.

2. Minutes of meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2015 were agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting and were signed by Mr Holt as Chair.

3. Declarations of Personal and Pecuniary Interests

None

4. Report from Resources

TERM 1

- Several teaching appointments would be made before the Term 3 meeting to fill gaps from pending retirements and the likely gaps.
- The financial papers were presented showing an in-year surplus of £122,030. The Committee are keen for the Federation to spend the surplus to benefit the Federation and had asked Mrs Ray to complete a list of priorities.
- The Committee had agreed a 1% pay increase for teachers.

TERM 2

- Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2015 were presented and are recommended for approval by the Trust. It was noted that there was an end of year cumulative surplus of £1.6m.

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- All other discussions including the capital projects will be covered within tonight's meeting.

5. Safeguarding Training

It was agreed that Mr Teasel would be invited to the next governing body meeting to present safeguarding training to all governors.

6. Reporting & Assessment

J Harrison – Presentation.

Governors questioned whether this requirement from teachers was creating more work. Mr Williams confirmed that the SLT were keeping a close eye on teachers and had not picked up on any resentment. Mr Gale reiterated that there had been some team training to ensure that all teachers are aware of the requirements.

Governors asked to receive a follow up on this presentation to see how the data tracking is progressing across the Federation.

Mr Gale was welcomed to the meeting and gave a presentation to governors on a document which had been sent out to parents on the Guidance for setting prep (attachment). Governors were informed that the phrase homework had been changed to prep. Governors were keen to see the web links that are being promoted within the classroom. Following a concern that some children may not be able to access the internet from home, they were reassured that all children within the College had access to the internet regardless of their circumstances and if there was anyone then the College had resources available for them.

7. Policies

It was agreed that the Admissions Policy for 2017 would be carried forward to the Term 3 LGB meeting.

8. Exclusions

It was noted that one female Year 11 student had been excluded for two days for verbal abuse to a member of staff.

9. Complaint Update

It was noted that the complaints panel had been delayed by the parents and would now meet on 24 November 2015 and its outcome feedback at the Term 3 meeting.

10. Any other Business

- It was noted that there no further progress on the pedestrian crossing from Local

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Authority.

- Governors passed on their congratulations to the College on the presentation evening and suggested a 'governor award' going forward which was fully supported by all present and Mr Rhowbotham agreed to take this further. Governors were keen to invite students to the governor's meeting and to come in to the College. Mrs Tyers was asked to ensure that governors are kept well informed of events in the College to which they are always welcome.

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