



MINUTES OF THE LGB CATMOSE COLLEGE MEETING

Thursday 15 May 2025, 4pm
John Clare

PRESENT

Andrew Cross, Rosemary Dodson, Emma Gautrey (Vice Chair), Andrew Holt (Chair), Gary Marsh, Alex Mould, Clive Norgaard Morton, Peter Onslow, Briege Slattery, Stuart Williams (Principal).

IN ATTENDANCE

Alice Beckwith (Vice Principal), Alex Emmerson (Vice Principal), Claire Pugh (Vice Principal), Chris Wilson (Chief Finance Officer), Sheryl Wilson (Governance Professional)

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies for absence

Andrew Holt welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Thomas Heath.

2. Declarations of Personal Interest and Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of interest declared.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 27 March 2025

The minutes were signed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising from previous minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. Performing Art students

Leanne Mitchell (Director of Drama) and performing art students were welcomed to the meeting to discuss their experiences of taking part in the recent 'We Will Rock You' production. Students either performed, were involved in the band or the tech team. They unanimously agreed that by being involved in the show it had enabled them to make more friends from different year groups and it had given them more confidence; they had lots of fun, especially working as a team. 113 students were involved in the show and Electives time is used to rehearse. Students commented that they have to be well organised able to prioritise well to catch up on the work they have missed due to rehearsals.

Question: What off-site opportunities are there for drama scholars?

In the past there have been performing art tours which will look to be reintroduced next year. There are also theatre trips which follow the texts that students are studying and workshops in singing and dancing.

Governors commented on the amazing performance of 'We Will Rock You' which is a tremendous team effort of both students and staff. Life-long skills are learned such as team working, being organised and prioritising.

Clive Norgaard Morton joined the meeting.

6. Principal's Update

Many opportunities have been available to students during the last term, including a netball and football trip to Spain, battle of the bands competition, a visit by a military band for music students, photography and tech competitions and a robotics workshop.

7. Resources Update

Finances are looking to breakeven on the recurrent figure, for this financial year, however, the capital expenditure will lead to a deficit overall due to the sports hall refurbishment (approx. £45k) and the Barlow Building retention payment. Unless there is further income from the government to support pay awards if they are agreed, finances will be in a very difficult position in the new financial year. As a result, the Trust will consider efficiencies and cost savings.

8. Scorecards

Admissions Scorecard

In-year admissions are limited and there are waiting lists in most year groups. There have been 42 in-year applications with 25 offers.

Attendance

The attendance figure is currently at 94% with a small decline in Key Stage 4. Overall, attendance is in a good place compared to national figures. There will be a governors scrutiny panel meeting in June on attendance when a report produced by the Department of Education will be reviewed.

Behaviour Scorecard

This is positive with the vast majority of all year groups with fewer than 5 behaviour entries per student. House points are also fairly consistent. There is a higher proportion of students with an EHCP or K code that have behaviour entries. Overall, the number of significant sanctions (including suspensions and permanent exclusions) is significantly lower than last year which is a good indication that behaviour has improved and is more settled than 12 months ago. This week there has been a check on low level behaviour, the data will be scrutinised and an analysis completed. Another continued professional development training session will be delivered to staff next term reinforcing the College ethos and relational approach to behaviour.

Outcomes Year 8 Key Assessment

The assessment indicates maths and English is slightly down, although it is maths that is driving this due to how the assessment was set which will be reviewed for the next assessments.

Teaching Scorecard

Overall, this is very strong with relationships being a strength which is also reinforced by the low number of recorded behaviour incidents. The curriculum measure is slightly higher in terms of support needed which is linked to the recent Spanish review and a new scheme of work. The English team will also review their schemes of work.

Safeguarding update

The number of child protection cases remains high with county lines and child sexual exploitation continuing to be a focus for the local authority and targeted operations by the police. There have also been a high number of safeguarding incidents reported this academic year.

9. Policies

The SEN Policy and the Governors SEN information report were ratified by governors. There were no significant changes.

10.A.O.B

There was no further business.

Date of Next Meeting

- Scrutiny Panel on Attendance - Thursday 12 June 2025, 10.30am
- Local Governing Body, Catmose College - Thursday 3 July 2025, 5pm followed by a buffet

The meeting closed at 5.12pm.