



Pastoral and Safeguarding Committee

Friday 26th May 2017 - Minutes

Apologies - Helen McCauley (HM), William Farrell (WF), Joy Thomas (JT)

Attendance - Sue Evans (SE), Julie Evans (JE), Dave Spencer (DS), Kate Brown (KB), Jenny Lawrence (JL), Kate Roberts (KR), Yvonne Clarke (YC)

Appointment of Chair/minute taker

SE was appointed Chair, KB offered to take the minutes for this meeting. SE welcomed all to the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

Covered in the meeting.

Pecuniary interests

None.

Terms of reference

The following terms of reference remain as previously agreed.

Policies

- None for this meeting

Pastoral care of Staff & Children

OFSTED viewed the schools attempts to raise standards including no afternoon playtime, class worship instead of assemblies, impact on trips/visits etc. They agreed these were effective measure. KB stated the impact on pupils was positive.

A discussion was held on the admissions criteria for Neston High School. KB and DS had written to the school in November 2017 requesting Pensby Primary is made a partner school. This letter was posted. No response has been received. It was decided to email directly to the Head and request a response. KB will do this.

In light of the recent attack at the MEN governors questioned evacuation and critical incident procedures. DS asked *"what would happen if an attack incident meant the school could not use the 2 main pedestrian gates to escape, as the most likely point to a critical incident is the kitchen area and this would trap 2 schools on the field?"*. KB spoke about the gate that was used during the works and how this had been removed. Governors felt it was essential that this was reinstated with urgency to safeguard all. KB to email the LA to ascertain timescales.

JE reported back on the year 6 visit to Barclays in Northwich for the money skills programme. This was an excellent visit and enabled the pupils to understand and experience money issues they may face in life.

KR gave a safeguarding report to the committee. She has continued to meet with KB at least termly to discuss issues. KR had observed year 5 lessons that week and had focused on vulnerable pupils. She reported that the support all pupils had in the lesson, meant that all pupils were progressing well and their needs were met. KR noted through her observation "**Traffic lights have gone - how do you know what the pupils are understanding?**". KB explained about the yellow tab system in books. How teaching has changed to move pupils on quicker so therefore traffic lights not needed anymore. Mrs Gilleece was in the staffroom and was to add to the discussion about she manages this 'moving on' quickly approach.

KB and KR had had lengthy discussions about TAF/CIN cases in the school. It was felt that not much had changed and that some of these pupils had been placed in a vulnerable position due to lack of appropriate response following a MASH referral. OFSTED judged the schools safeguarding to be 'good'.

KR spoke about the respect panel, that year6 pupils used to access (teaches about choice/law) but this hasn't been held for a very long time. There are current issues locally with drugs and substance misuse perpetrated by young people and the respect panel would be ideal for our pupils to help in these circumstances. KR will enquire if there is any other way this could be delivered to pupils.

The school has been approached by one of the PCSOs, who will be doing some class sessions in years 5 and 6 on online safety - the presentation has been viewed by KB and is hard hitting but very effective.

11+ DS asked "are the parents relying on tutoring for the 11+ and how are the children coping with the increased expectations?". KB explained how the school had a 'zero tolerance' on homework activities etc. This had been a shock for some families. That week she had held the year 5 secondary transfer meeting and this had been mentioned to parents. The impact on standards is overwhelmingly positive. However, in the school 2 pupils have demonstrated mental health issues and their families have been very much against the zero tolerance issue. The school is working hard with external agencies to support these families but it appears that in many cases it is not just a school issue but it is linked to home issues as well. A discussion then followed about the mental health state of some parents/guardians.

Numbers on roll - the school is very full. Some pupils are expected to leave as their families have moved out of the area. Numbers in year 5 are anticipated to grow to 33. We have 31 in Reception, year 1 and year 2.

DS has offered to teach pi to year 6.

Heads Report

The SES was presented to committee and the spring term master tracking document had been emailed to governors prior to the meeting - the spring term impact statements linked closely to OFSTED judgments. All judgements were at least in line with the schools judgements.

Pupil Premium Spend

OFSTED confirmed that PP funding was used effectively and appropriately and that PP were making good progress.

SEND

Mrs Toal was not able to join the meeting. OFSTED confirmed that SEND funding was used effectively and appropriately and that SEND were making good progress.

AOB

None

Date of next meeting

TBC