

MINUTES

Curriculum committee meeting FRIDAY 9th February 2018 AT 11.00am

<p>Present: Kate Brown, head teacher (KB) Joy Thomas, deputy head teacher (JT) Helen McCauley, parent governor (HM) Dave Spencer, co-opted governor (DS)</p>	<p>Apologies: Yvonne Clarke, co-opted governor (YC)</p>
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1	<p>WELCOME SE welcomed everyone</p>	
2	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCES As above</p>	Governors consented to the apologies.
3	<p>DECLARATION OF BUSINESS AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS None declared</p>	
4	<p>APPOINTMENT OF MINUTE TAKER DS & KB</p>	
5	<p>TERMS OF REFERENCE The new terms of reference had already been completed and accepted by governors.</p>	
6	<p>Art exhibition was a real success and both staff and children enjoyed it. The committee sent their thanks to the staff (and year 6) and especially Mrs Gilleece for organising this.</p>	
7	<p>Monitoring – the committee fed back on their monitoring. DS had been in to look at maths books. Those who have been in are very impressed with standards. It had been noticed that some work appeared to be ‘unfinished’. The committee agreed that this would be expected but would like to explore why this happens and how the learning is then taken forwards so they understand it fully. SE and HM will explore this in their monitoring. YC and SE have been undertaken literacy monitoring up until now.</p>	
	<p>JT fed back on her writing moderator role and how she has just undergone training and a test for this. She talked about this role and how it occurs in reality. Moderation for year 2 and year 6 writing has happened internally this term. JT will be working with the federation on this.</p>	
8	<p>Science – High impact are currently auditing the school. They have also offered a range of training as part of this process. Heswall primary Science under the Stars was a great success again. DS asked if JK had looked into online maths packages for parents. JK has not looked in the online login for Maths of the Day for parents. This is partly due to time constraints and cost. Attention for year 6 has been to address social media issues – this was discussed. SE asked if the schools felt their addressing of this issue had improved the situation. KB reported that the impact was positive – less pupils bring their mobile phones to school and pupils talking about removing apps. HM asked what the reaction of the parents was. KB reported all parents had responded positively but actions at home had been missed.</p>	

9	<p>Policies GDPR will affect our school. KB has drafted a new policy that will be developed. SPTO holds our curriculum data and this is secure. A discussion was held on children's books and other data like this. The school is undergoing an audit next week.</p> <p>HM asked how the school monitors who is accessing data. KB stated that there the online systems we have can support this but other systems it is more difficult. A full discussion was held on this.</p>	
	<p>KB asked that governors meet with Mrs Gilleece and Mrs Beggs to track progress on the data being gathered for the wider curriculum. SE suggested the curriculum address this.</p>	
10	ANY OTHER BUSINESS None	
11	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
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Development Plan Priorities 2017/18

1. To at least maintain the % of pupils achieving ARE and ARE+ in all subjects – minimum of 75% at ARE and 25% ARE+. Focus on key groups as per 2016/2017.
2. To further improve maths standards through enhanced staff training in problem solving, reasoning and numeracy (PSRN).
3. Improving challenge for the more able in writing by introducing new daily writing requirements.
4. Developing the understanding of standards in foundation subjects through the development of more robust assessment and subject leader development.