



**Pastoral & Curriculum Committee – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**MINUTES**

**Apologies** Kate Roberts, David Spencer,

**Attendance** Sue Evans (SE), Jennie Lawrence (JL), Joy Thomas (JT), Linda Grant (LG) (Minute taker), Helen McCauley (HM), Julie Evans (JE)

**Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising**

Read and approved – matters arising are covered in the minutes below:

**Policies** – these should have been sent out via email but they had not been as there were updates as follows: Special Educational Needs Policy (known as information) – MT updates this annually and the next update is due. As soon as she has completed this it will be emailed.

Sex Education and Relationships Policy – The government is introducing a new curriculum for this so it is wise to hold back and update when we know more

Health & Safety Policy – It was agreed at the Shared Govs committee, that this should be an agreed joint policy and has been allocated for Stanley to write the first draft.

Child Protection policy and Safeguarding procedures – this was reviewed during this meeting and will be emailed out. Main amendments were added in blue (amendments to supervision section etc). HM and SE agreed to carry out a safeguarding supervision of staff role whilst they are in school. HM will check the website links in the policy.

There was a discussion about parenting systems and impact on pupils.

**School website**

There has not been a report from CB re the website being compliant. SE will email him to ask for a report.

**Twitter/ Evolve+**

A discussion was held. Evolve+ is making permission for trips etc much easier for families and is a more robust system for recording events and permission for school. Twitter will replace the Pensby Post – all agreed this was the best way forward.

**SEND**

MT joined the meeting.

- MT presented her summer term monitoring form. This was presented on the new Subject Leader form. It was a considerable document. A discussion was held – see minutes below.
- 37 on register, 4 with EHCP, , 1 full time PFA, parents wish to move this to an EHCP.
- There has been a parental request for an EHCP – this was made the LA but school still needed to complete the form. This was considerable work for the SENCo. The PFA can appeal. However the parent chose to complain to a local councillor who contacted the school.
- Child in Yr 1 – Is being supported with some work from Gilbrook and a good multi agency approach. Governors asked about support for the staff who work with the child This is being addressed.
- Child in Yr 2 – This child is making good progress and his behaviour is better managed.
- Child in Yr 3 – Is continuing as per the last minutes
- Help your Child Thrive workshop – this was delivered successfully with a approximately 12 attendance from parents. Some parent couldn't attend and asked if it could be repeated. MT is looking into this being repeated in the autumn term.
- Mental health accelerator school – This means we lead on mental health on Wirral. Much is being done in this regard and MT will be supporting other school at a forthcoming meeting – giving a presentation at a teach/meet event.

**Commando Joe** – This officially ends in July. The finance committee will consider if it can be extended. All agreed it was an excellent programme for all pupils for all round health and well-being.

### **Curriculum/Foundation Subjects Monitoring Update**

KB shared the new subject leaders monitoring sheets. Subject leaders have completed these for the first half of the autumn term. The committee were very surprised at the huge amount of work being undertaken by subject leaders. Some subject leaders have considerable responsibility. This will be discussed in SED. The sheets may be further amended by once they are, the monitoring gobs can use them to direct their monitoring and discussion with subject leaders.

### **Curriculum developments**

The C2C project has continued to be a significant curriculum area with much enjoyment and relevance. The committee had been keeping up to date through Twitter and discussion was held on the various event and developments. These included:

- Visits to Ridgewood
- Bat conservations
- ELSa meetings
- Wirral Curious Minds project
- School exhibition
- Plastics pledge

KB reported how other schools in Wirral and wider afield had heard about the project and had asked for support to develop their curriculum in the same way. She has been to brief several schools/area.

### **Heads report**

KB presented her HT report. This was covered in the minutes of the meeting.



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### **AOB**

None

### **Date of next meeting**

TBC

### **School Strategic Improvement plan – priorities**

**Key improvement priority 1** - To review the framework of our school curriculum to ensure the aims of the education for our pupils, including the knowledge and understanding to be gained at each stage are set out clearly.

**Key improvement priority 2** - To improve pupils' independent understanding of reading, writing and mathematics through developing the effective use of manipulatives and resources across the whole school to ensure national standards at expected and greater depth are consistent in all 3 subjects.

### **OFSTED priorities from 2017**

1. Ensure that leadership and management become more effective by:

– including precise success criteria in the school's action plans for improvement that evaluate the impact of actions taken with reference to pupils' achievement

– developing the skills of leaders of subjects other than English and mathematics so that they have a firmer understanding of standards in their subjects across the school.

2. Accelerate pupils' progress, and especially that of the most able pupils, further by:

– ensuring that lessons are more consistently demanding and engaging to avoid lost learning time through occasional misbehaviour

– more consistently providing work for the most able, especially in writing, that is challenging and deepens their knowledge.