

**Minutes of a meeting of the Governor's Education & Standards Sub-Committee held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 5.30p.m via Zoom.**

Present: Mr M Worrall Mr C Hansford  
Mr P Buckland Miss R McMann (Clerk)  
Mrs T Boving-Foster  
Dr J Jenkins  
Mr A Worth

SLT present: Mr Dawson  
Visitors: none

Quorum per Terms of Reference – 4  
Governors in attendance – 6

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were accepted for Ms Mills (long-term absence, illness) and Mr Bauer (work commitments).

2. Declarations of Interest in Agenda items

There were no declarations of interest

3. Minutes of Education and Standards meeting held in November 2021

It was unanimously agreed that the minutes were a true record. Mrs Boving-Foster will sign these when she next visits school.

4. Feedback from Mock Exams and Data Drop

Mr Dawson presented this item. Papers had been previously circulated detailing mock exam information as well as data drops for the other years. Mr Dawson asked for any questions or comments in relation to the mock exams:

- *Are the mock exam results in line with previous years (CH)?* A little further behind due to Covid, but the catch-up programme is embedded well and believe that the school is broadly in line for a positive Progress 8 in the summer (RD).
- *Is the school happy with the government announcement about how the exams will be treated (CH)?* This varies from subject to subject (RD). Overall, fairly happy but some subjects have more specific detail than others (PB).
- *All the data produced is very impressive (JJ).*

- *The way in which the announcements were made in the media about marking exams easier is very harsh for students and just adds more pressure (JJ).*
- *Do staff mark mocks more harshly or in line with how they will be marked in the summer (JJ)?* Would like to say that they are consistent and matched but there is sometimes variation. Some staff will mark children with their targets in mind – the intention is getting the best out of each student (RD).
- *It would be useful to have data to show how far off students are from their aspirational target (AW).* Can certainly do that (RD). **It was agreed to include this data next time.**

Mr Dawson welcomed any further feedback or suggestions on presenting the data. Mr Hansford thanked him for a comprehensive report.

With regards to the other data drops, Mr Hansford asked if there was anything Mr Dawson wished to highlight. He answered that there are no major worries in this data. Mrs Boving-Foster gave her thanks for these reports and apologised that due to an extra-ordinary meeting, directly after this one that there was not more time to do this data justice. She suggested that perhaps there was too much detail for Governors in these reports and perhaps a more narrowed down version could be produced if it did not cause too much extra work. **It was agreed that a summary sheet could be produced with the more detailed versions behind it.**

All Governors thanked Mr Dawson for his hard work.

#### 5. Headteacher's Update, including Covid-19 Update

Mr Buckland reported that the Covid situation is much improving with the highest number of students off with Covid dropping from its peak of 39 to 7. He gave credit to Mr Dawson and Mrs Scott for their work in obtaining air purifiers via a grant which have made a big difference in the four classrooms they are situated in.

#### 6. SIP

This was distributed with updates prior to the meeting. It is the intention to bring the Behaviour Policy to the next Education meeting.

#### 7. National Tutoring Programme

Mr Dawson reported that there is not much to update since the Full Governors' meeting in January where this was covered in-depth. He reported that there have so far been three no-shows to sessions and these students have been spoken to / parents emailed. He was pleased to say that he had checked on the sessions tonight and there is 100% attendance. In response to a question asking if it was working, Mr Dawson answered that all are engaging with the lessons.

Date of Next Meeting

21<sup>st</sup> April 2022, 5.30pm via Zoom.

It was agreed that SEND will now become a regular agenda item so that the action plan can be kept up-to-date.

The meeting closed at 17.50pm