



Minutes of the meeting of the Governing Body held on Thursday 18 December 2014 at 4.00 pm.

Governing Body:

(+)Debbie Andrews	DA	Acting Chair
(+)Brig. Iain Pretsell	IP	Partnership Governor
(+)Ian Hylan	IH	Executive Principal
(+)Judith Langley	JL	Co-opted Governor
(+)Charlotte Morley	CM	Co-opted Governor
(+)Moirra Nairn	MN	Co-opted Governor
(+)Darren Bowen	DB	Parent Governor
(+)Simon Goldsmith	SG	Parent Governor
(+)Philip Goddard	PG	Parent Governor
(+)Jodie Walters	PM	Staff Governor
(+) David Barter	DB	Additional Appointed Governor

In attendance:

Hilary Jorgensen	HJ	Clerk to Governors
Gavin Price	GP	Invitee/Possible Co-opted Governor

Item		Action
1.	Apologies: There were no apologies.	
2.	Declarations of Interest: There were no Declarations of Interest for the meeting.	
3.	Presentation on Governance of Academies by Jo Hawkins, Financial Consultant. As a whole group training session, Governors received a one hour presentation on Finance and Academies, with the opportunity to ask questions. This took place prior to the commencement of the main meeting.	
4.	Constitution: Chair: David Barter was welcomed to the meeting. He had been introduced as an Additional Appointed Governor by Babcock 4S to help bridge the gap left by the resignation of David Hoggins (Chair). David Barter was voted unanimously to the position of Chair. LA Governor Vacancy: Babcock would be asked for some nominations – with a specific request for someone with an educational background/knowledge. Co-opted Governor: Gavin Price had shown an interest in the appointment and would forward	

	<p>an official letter and short cv to the Governing Body.</p> <p>DBS/CRB Clearance:</p> <p>It was agreed that the Bursar would confirm which Governors still had CRB clearance and arrange for any additional checks necessary.</p> <p>Governing Body and Committee Appointments:</p> <p>FGB Chair: David Barter FGB Vice Chair: Charlotte Morley Teaching & Learning Chair: Debbie Andrews Staff and Students Chair: Moira Nairn Resources Chair: Iain Pretsell</p>	
5.	<p>Minutes:</p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2014 were agreed.</p>	
6.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>All relevant items were on the Agenda.</p> <p>It was agreed to have a SEND Presentation prior to the next FGB meeting on 12 February 2015.</p>	JL/DB
7.	<p>Leadership Report:</p> <p>The Report had been circulated prior to the meeting. This was an additional report so that governors could be updated on 'normal' events in the light of so much change and controversy.</p> <p>JL drew attention in particular to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Curriculum provision was currently being examined and Year 9 were starting to look at Options. MN asked if there would be some difficult decisions to be made in the curriculum provision in the light of the budget deficit. JL suggested that this was a conversation that would need to take place after the College had greater detail about option choices. At present things looked fairly encouraging and History/Geography/Languages had become much stronger subjects. b) Year 10 Tracking: Interventions were in place to reach the English/Maths target of 63%. Students were being monitored individually and one-to-one tuition put in place where necessary. Assistance with predictions in English has been received from Tomlinscote; whilst Maths were in a more secure position. Many variables were being examined and a report would be given to the next Teaching and Learning Committee. <p>CM commented that the governors were aware that Year 10 was a low ability cohort and that expectations should not be too high. Results in all probability were likely to be at the National Average.</p> <p>Overall the governors were very pleased to see the progress that was being made across the board, and requested that the staff were commended on their achievements.</p> <p>Federation:</p> <p>IH gave a background to the terms of the Federation – it was set up in 2012 with a view to running until 2017 and with a review in January 2015. IH suggested that the Kings governing body needed to decide what they</p>	

	wanted out of the Federation prior to the January meeting. It was agreed that a small working party would be quickly set up including JL, CM and JW. The next meeting with the School Overview Partners is scheduled for 2 February 2015 at 9.30 am. It was agreed that the Chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee would attend.	JL/CM/JW DA
8.	Committee Reports: Resources: IP reported that a Report on the Asbestos situation is in progress. Thanks were given to the Bursar (Katie Clarke) for her excellent work over the last term. HTPM: DA confirmed that the review had been carried out. SHAPE: Minutes already circulated.	
9.	Children in Care Report: Report was circulated. There was nothing specific to report.	
10.	Policies: The following Policies were ratified: Staff Absence Policy Attendance Policy Disciplinary and Capability Policy and Procedure Admission Policy 2016-7 The Special Leave of Absence Policy would go to the Staff and Students Committee.	MN
11.	Chair's Actions: The Acting Chair had been holding things together until a new Chair had been appointed. Nothing of any significance to report.	
12.	Items to Report to Staff: Celebration of positive Raise-on-line data. Appreciation and thanks to the Bursar. Thanks and appreciation to all the staff for their hard work and good results.	
13.	Part Two Items: IH and JL have been in conversation with PJ Wilkinson re possible assistance with Buildings finance, as Academy conversion is not imminent.	
14.	Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 12 February 2015 at 4.00 pm.	ALL

Meeting closed at 6.10 pm

Chair of Governors:.....

Date: