



Minutes of the meeting of the Governing Body held on Thursday 26 February 2015 at 4.00 pm.

Governing Body:

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

In attendance:
 Hilary Jorgensen HJ Clerk to Governors

Item		Action
1.	Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Simon Goldsmith and Ian Hylan.	
2.	Declarations of Interest: There were no Declarations of Interest for the meeting.	
3.	Constitution: LA Governor Vacancy: HJ would chase Babcock re the LA vacancy. It was agreed to look for someone with a background in education or experience of data tracking. Co-opted Governor: Gavin Price was welcomed to the meeting. 1 vacancy still remaining. Partnership Governor: JL would sound out a possible contact who was experienced in SEND and teaching. Parent Governor: A letter was being prepared to go out to parents seeking nominations. Once again this would focus on skills which the Governing Body needs.	HJ JL JL

4.	<p>Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 December 2014 were approved.</p>	
5.	<p>Matters Arising: It was agreed to have a SEND Presentation at the next FGB.</p> <p>DBS Clearance: JL agreed to check with the Bursar with regard to present cover and report to the Staff and Students Committee for action.</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>JL</p>
6.	<p>Year 11 Data Tracking: Tracking data predicted in December 2014 was circulated prior to the meeting. Governors queried whether more accurate predictions were now being made. JL commented that a lot of work had taken place to ensure that predictions were now more realistic, and she pointed out that pre-public exams were presently going on and that in a few weeks there would be another set of data which should give an even more accurate picture.</p> <p>Concern was expressed over the fall in SA Maths but it was pointed out this was the result of only two students. Generally levels of progress in SA English and Maths were encouraging. Concern was also expressed over the predictions for 'Disadvantaged' students, but the school emphasised that the gap was in fact closing.</p> <p>In answer to robust questioning JL confirmed that the school had worked hard to improve the accuracy of predictions. The process was now more rigorous and the Year 11 teachers were continuing to be challenged.</p>	
7.	<p>Leadership Report (Verbal): JL agreed to circulate a written report, but meanwhile drew attention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various extra-curricular activities that had taken place. • A successful Year 9 Parents' Evening, coupled with Options Evening. • Year 9 Options were not yet settled but the vast majority of students looked to have their first or second choice. Building work had been undertaken on the Café and Tower Block. <p>SEF: An Executive Summary was circulated for the governors to read and feedback at FGB on 19 March.</p> <p>Interim Review and Challenge Meeting: The meeting on 2 February had judged the school was making 'reasonable' progress: Teaching was 90% good or better Evidence was given to support the increase in A and A* grades, marking had improved and leadership in the English Department was no longer an issue .JL will circulate the Interim and Challenge Report to all Governors.</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>JL</p>

	<p>Community: Congratulations were extended to Lakeside, Mytchett and Frimley Primaries, all of which had achieved a 'good' Ofsted judgement.</p>	
8.	<p>Committee Reports: Resources: The chair reported that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SFVS had been drafted and sent to committee members for comment. • Premises: A lot of work had been undertaken. Thanks to PG for his support. • Budget: The Bursar has been asked to provide another 3 year projection. <p>Staff and Students: Nothing to report at present.</p> <p>Teaching and Learning: Meeting being held on 27 February.</p> <p>Federation Steering Group: Next meeting to be held on Monday, 2 March.</p> <p>Report from Head boy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bradley Hawkins, Head boy, gave a short report on Learning Ambassadors. He explained their responsibilities and how they enhanced learning. Governors were pleased to hear that both students and staff regarded the Learning Ambassadors as a positive asset to the school. • Bradley also made mention of the Celebration of Arts scheduled for 11-14 March and invited governors to attend. Invitations will be sent out. 	JL
9.	<p>SEF 4: Governors asked for wording to be amended to read “ Governors.....were encouraged to spend time with students.....” It was also agreed to incorporate the fact that the Head boy and Head girl regularly attend FGB meetings.</p>	
10.	<p>Soft Federation: See Part Two minutes</p>	
11. 12. 13.14.15.16.	<p>Items carried forward to 19 March FGB Agenda.</p>	
17.	<p>Part Two: See separate sheet.</p>	
18.	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 19 March 2015 at 4.00pm.</p> <p>It was noted with regret that Brig. Iain Pretsell would be terminating his term of office.</p>	ALL

Chair of Governors:.....