



Teaching and Learning Minutes 18/05/2017

▶ Leighton Academy ▶ Thursday, May 18, 2017 ▶ 4pm ▶ Chair: Andrea Millar ▶ Clerk: Amanda Arnold

FINAL: The minutes are confirmed and locked.

Governors Attending: >Su Hawkes, Diane Ridings, Marie Speake, Sam Brennand, Andrea Millar, Joanna Young

Governors Apologies: >James Sweeney

Non Governors Attending: >Amanda Arnold (Clerk)

Non Governors Apologies: >

AGENDA ITEM ▶ Apologies & Items of Any Other Business

Apologies were received by James Sweeney in advance of the meeting due to work commitments.

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No items of any other business were received.

AGENDA ITEM ▶ Approval of Committee Minutes for meeting of 16th February 2017

MINUTE Minutes of the last meeting were agreed and approved.

DECISION Minutes were approved

AGENDA ITEM ▶ School to School Support

a. Emotionally Healthy School

Leighton Academy is now Cheshire Easts lead emotionally healthy school. This has provided funding to the academy but does mean that L Schofield will be working externally with other schools occasionally. This will not impact the SEN team negatively as we are lucky to have to full time SENCo's.

b. Resilient Donut

L Schofield has been attending the course for this. It links with the emotionally healthy schools and will enable to Lucy to deliver the training in other schools.

c. Attachment Awareness School

MINUTE A governor commented that this is a big issue on the news at the moment and it is great to be a part of this. This links closely with the Emotional Healthy Schools and Resilient Donut programmes. Leighton is very happy to be working closely with Virtual Schools and able to share with other schools.

d. Numicon Advocate

The academy has been asked to become a Numicon Advocate school. They are meeting with JY in June and will observe some lessons and view the impact of Numicon and then they will feedback to JY what it means to be the advocate school.

e. KIVA

JY informed that 2 members of staff have just had KIVA training. It is an anti-bullying programme that links in with the curriculum. The idea is that as soon as a bullying incident is mentioned a sheet is completed immediately by a staff member. This can then be looked at more closely and investigated to see if it is an ongoing problem. It will provide evidence that the school is dealing with incidents and also evidence if work with children isn't working and further support is sought. It is currently being trialled and will run from September. The anti-bullying policy will need updating as parents will need to understand how it works too and it will be shared with them when it is put into the policy.

AGENDA ITEM ▶ Data to Consider

KS1 & 2 Data was circulated in advance of the meeting.

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JY commented that it wasn't as clear as hoped. The new way of illustrating ARE doesn't make it easy to see those children that are close to meeting ARE. JY reported that as far as the academy can see the results are good and progress is also good.

SAT's have taken place and we are looking at a considerable improvement in Reading. Maths was more difficult this year so it is unclear how this will impact. Results are due around the 5th July. 56% Reading, Writing, Maths last year and this year it is looking to be in the 70's.

AGENDA ITEM ▶ Curriculum

MINUTE **Sports Premium**

SB reported that the academy is still waiting to hear what next years grant is due to be. Due to the election we will not know this until that has taken place. For this reason, next years steps are not being put on the action plan yet.

Another level has now been added to the Gold Sports Mark where if we meet the criteria we can apply for a platinum

sports mark, this is what the academy plan to apply for next academic year.

The academy has also been recommended to go for the Platinum Artsmark.

Impact Reports

Reports were circulated in advance of the meeting.

A governor commented that it clearly shows there is an awful lot going on in school. A governor asked that staff are thanked for the quality of their reports and for doing a great job in the academy.

Talk for Writing

JY informed governors that the first whole school INSET took place in April. Four schools took part and all of our staff came away very inspired and have started to plan and use it in lessons even though it is not fully implemented until September.

ACTION Governors asked that staff are thanked for the efforts put in to the Impact reports provided over the year.

AGENDA ITEM ▶ Academy Progress

Update on Pupil Numbers

187 applications were received of which 106 were first place requests.

The academy only have 60 places to offer and there are a number of families that are not very happy. We currently have 6 appeals, we have tried to explain to families that appeal does not always give them the place they want.

We have been shortlisted for Primary School of the year in the Crewe Chronicle. Some Year 6 children have nominated us and we have been invited to attend an award ceremony.

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Parent Questionnaire Analysis

A report was circulated in advance of the meeting.

Governors were very satisfied with the outcome of the questionnaire and congratulated the staff.

A few comments were made about school meals and lunchtime staff. These have been looked into and SB will prepare a feedback to parents in the next few weeks.

SB reported that there was a separate parent questionnaire for nursery and this feedback will be given in due course.

AGENDA ITEM ▶ Self Evaluation & Action Plan Update

JY reminded governors that they have full access to Bluewave Swift. Please keep up to date with this.

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Governors were informed that at the moment, from the Due Diligence that has been done between the 4 MAT schools, they have recommended we need to change our 'requires improvement' on Pupil Outcomes to 'Good'. It is hoped that this year's Data will allow the academy to improve further and have more '1's'

AGENDA ITEM ▶ Policies for Review

The following policies were distributed in advance of the meeting -

Learning Outside the Classroom

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Young Carers Policy

There were no changes on these policies

All policies agreed by governors.

DECISION

All policies were agreed by governors

AGENDA ITEM ▶ Pupil Premium

A report on Pupil Premium was distributed in advance of the meeting.

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A governor commented that it is good to see there is so much going on in school and the impact on the Pupil Premium.# children.

A governor requested that the academy thank the team for the report.

ACTION

Thanks to be passed to the team

AGENDA ITEM ▶ SEN Provision

A report on SEN was circulated in advance of the meeting.

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A governor requested that the SEN team are thanked for their extensive report and said they are pleased to be kept updated so well.

ACTION

Thanks to be passed to the SEN team

AGENDA ITEM ▶ Parent Forum

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Minutes of the last Parent Forum meeting were shared with governors in advance of the meeting.

AM reported that more people than usual arrived for the meeting and they included some new faces and lots of positivity. Some parents from Reception attended and it is hoped they will continue to do so.

A request was made that Nursery open their gate so that parents can wait under the canopy. This has been actioned and the parent has thanked JY for this help.

Parents like the new system for booking parents evenings. MS commented that the system was also better for staff and cut their time. A governor asked how we manage with parents that have no internet access or have problems with literacy. SB confirmed that the office support these families.

Next meeting to take place next on a morning.

3rd July @ 9.15am

CHALLENGE A governor asked how we support parents with limited internet access or literacy problems

AGENDA ITEM ▶ Any Other Business

MINUTE No items of any other business

AGENDA ITEM ▶ Date of Next Meeting

MINUTE Meeting dates will be set for the next academic year at the full governors meeting

Governor Agreed Actions set during this meeting: 0

Teaching & Learning Summer 2017 Part One *dated:* 18/05/2017
Minutes approved by Amanda Arnold