



## Teaching and Learning Minutes 25/09/2017

▶ Leighton Academy ▶ Monday, September 25, 2017 ▶ 4pm ▶ Chair: Andrea Millar ▶ Clerk: Amanda Arnold

**FINAL: The minutes are confirmed and locked.**

Governors Attending: >Joanna Young, Marie Speake, Su Hawkes, Amanda Arnold,

Governors Apologies: >

Non Governors Attending: >Amanda Arnold,

Non Governors Apologies: >

### Agenda Item 1 ▶ Apologies & Items of Any Other Business

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No apologies received in advance of the meeting. All governors in attendance.

Ofsted to be added to any other business.

### Agenda Item 2 ▶ Approval of Committee Minutes for meeting of 18th May 2017

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Minutes of the last meeting were approved by governors.

DECISION

Minutes of the last meeting approved.

### Agenda Item 3 ▶ Data to Consider

#### **Foundation Stage Headlines**

A report prepared by K Bishop was circulated in advance of the meeting. JY discussed how positive the progress in foundation stage is which was also reflected in the Ofsted visit. JY reminded governors that children enter our foundation stage at 37% below ARE with 65% at a good level of development when they finish the foundation stage.

#### **KS1 Data, Analysis & Headlines**

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A report by M Speake was circulated in advance of the meeting. JY reminded governors that the new framework is very different to the old one. Ofsted was positive about the progress in key stage 1.

#### **KS2 Data, Analysis & Headlines**

Data was distributed in advance of the meeting. JY reported that Ofsted was triggered on the writing results in key stage 2 despite being advised that schools wouldn't be inspected following writing results due to the contentious issues that arose from them. Governors were assured that Leighton Academy followed the new strict guidelines and that there has been an increase of 17% on last years data. It was reported that when our writing is formally moderated by other professionals it is always highly regarded.

A short discussion took place about the Ofsted visit and J Young assured governors that the Ofsted visit would be discussed at full length at the extraordinary meeting called on Tuesday 26th September.

### Agenda Item 4 ▶ Curriculum

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#### **Impact Reports**

Impact Reports were circulated in advance of the meeting for the following areas -

Literacy, Numeracy, Art, German, EAL, Performing Arts, Religious Education, Science

Governors thanked staff for the detailed reports.

JY reported that there is an action plan in place to support the co-ordination of Geography and History following the ofsted inspection. And also that a curriculum lead role will be introduced to oversee the co-ordinators of each subject.

#### **Sports Funding Report**

SB reported that funding for Sport has been doubled this year. Ofsted commented that the sports funding report had shown good impact.

Some funding is currently being spent on a Sports Coach in Key stage 2 each lunchtime. This is to support with both behaviour and the change for life project. SB gave an overview of the change for life project.

SB informed that quotes have also been sought for replacing some of the grass in key stage 2 with astro-turf or a MUGA pitch that would be fenced off. These will be discussed at Full governors.

#### **Talk for Writing**

JY reported that some staff were not very happy with the most recent INSET and had reflected this on their feedback and the project team have been in touch with staff to discuss and support further. Talk for writing has already been

implemented throughout the school and is working well.

M Speake discussed that she feels the Talk for Writing is going to have a very positive effect on both teaching and progress.

Agenda Item 5 ► Academy Progress - to receive and note the following information

#### **CPD Update**

JY reported that further staff have requested to completed the NPQML. There will also be some funding following the ofsted for further CPD for specific actions.

#### **Governor Involvement**

The governor impact file is ongoing now including details on impact and progress.

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Governors attended school and met with Ofsted and JY thanked for them for their support.

A Millar has attended the Year 6 residential Visit and commented on the fantastic behaviour and teamwork that took place on the visit. It was felt that this had a great impact on the children.

#### **Update on Entry Numbers**

JY reported that there is still a big waiting list for Reception classes. Oversubscribed in Key Stage 2 and full in Key Stage 1.

Nursery is also nearly at full capacity.

Agenda Item 6 ► SEN Provision

A report was circulated in advance of the meeting from the SEN team.

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JY reported that SEN came out very high in the Ofsted.

Governors thanked staff for the reports.

Agenda Item 7 ► Pupil Premium

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

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JY reported that Pupil Premium was shown to have a high level of Impact in the Ofsted visit.

Governors thanked the team for the detailed report.

Agenda Item 8 ► Policies for Review

The following policies are due for renewal and were circulated in advance of the meeting -

Anti-Bullying Policy including KiVa  
Curriculum Statement

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It was discussed that there were a lot of changes to the anti-bullying policy where Leighton is now using KiVa. Governors were very happy with the new policy. A short discussion took place about how KiVa works.

Policies were agreed.

DECISION Policies agreed

Agenda Item 9 ► Self Evaluation & Action Plan

The SIP report from the Summer term was circulated in advance of the meeting. Governors were happy with the report.

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JY reported that a new SIP would be recruited this year. It was discussed that the current SIP has been part of the school for some time and it was felt that it was good practice to have a change.

It was confirmed that the next visit due currently is 19th October 2017.

JY reported that the updated Action Plan would be shared at Full Governors.

Agenda Item 10 ► School Development Plan

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Governors were reminded that they can access Bluewave Swift for the School Development plan and that the link and log in details can all be found on the governor portal.

JY reported that it is currently being updated.

Agenda Item 11 ► Parent Forum

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Governors discussed that a date for Parent Forum would be set at Full Governors following the Ofsted update.

Agenda Item 12 ► School to School Support

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#### **NPQ Training**

Feedback reports for the NPQ training taking place at Leighton were shared in advance of the meeting and are very positive. JY & SB reported that NPQSL day 3 will take place this term

**Emotionally Healthy Schools**

JY informed governors that we are the lead school for emotionally healthy schools.

**Numicon**

JY informed that we are now a Numicon advocate school.

Agenda Item 13 ▶ Any Other Business

**Ofsted**

Ofsted has been discussed in various areas of the agenda and JY thanked governors for their continued support.

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Governors praised the school for the work that takes place and are keen to view the full report.

Agenda Item 14 ▶ Date of Next Meeting

MINUTE The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 8th February 2018 @4pm

Governor Agreed Actions set during this meeting: 0

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Minutes approved by Amanda Arnold