

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GOVERNORS' CURRICULUM SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2009

PRESENT: Mrs A Dabbs, Mr R Hollis, Mrs A Jeffrey, Mr T Jones, Mrs C May, Mrs L Proctor, Dr M Walley.

Miss D Macintosh, Assistant Headteacher: Teaching and Learning/Guidance also attended.

17/09 APOLOGIES

Ms J Brake.

18/09 ELECTION OF CHAIR

Mrs Jeffery was re-elected.

19/09 TERMS OF REFERENCE

Copies of the current terms were circulated.

Remove 'To review the annual school Raisonline'.

Add 'Complete policy and SEF reviews as indicated in the annual programme'.

20/09 REPORTS

Student voice review and action plan

Community cohesion action plan

Miss Macintosh circulated documents outlining objectives, action required, success criteria and monitoring and evaluation for both.

A community cohesion audit had taken place in March 2009 and this document was also given to the committee.

The committee welcomed the detail within the audit, and approved the proposed actions.

After taking the committee through the papers and answering questions Miss Macintosh left the meeting.

21/09 POLICY REVIEW

Teaching and Learning

Marking

Two new policies, Teaching and Learning and Marking were circulated to governors and Mr Jones explained the rationale for both.

SMSC (including collective worship)

Copies of the pre-inspection audit and the Collective Worship Policy were distributed and Mr Jones explained what the school is trying to do.

It was agreed that the policy should be circulated to the full governing body with the minutes for possible adoption at the next full governors' meeting in December.

22/09 SEF

Quality of teaching - provision

SMSC - outcome

Wider student contribution - outcome

Community cohesion – leadership and management

A document covering sections A3.1, A3.2, A2.8, A2.11 and A4.8 of the draft SEF was given out. Mr Jones explained each section and said that this will be updated when the inspection report is received.

23/09 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENTS

Mrs May outlined possible changes to the curriculum with effect from September 2011. This could involve two years at KS3 and three at KS4 with students commencing GCSE courses in Year 9. She said that this would mean a huge change but would also open up many opportunities. Discussions had yet to be held with staff. A decision would need to be taken by Spring 2010.

There would also be further discussion about the possible removal of the compulsory element of languages in the curriculum. A decision on this would be needed by the end of the autumn term 2009 for implementation in September 2010.

24/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 4 February 2010.