

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GOVERNORS' CURRICULUM SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, 3 JUNE 2008

PRESENT: Mrs A Jeffrey (Chair), Mrs A Dabbs, Mr T Jones, Mrs R Knight, Mrs C May, Mrs J Sayers, Dr M Walley.

Miss D Macintosh and Mr S Chandler (Assistant Headteachers) also attended.

10/08 TEACHING AND LEARNING ACTION PLAN

Miss Macintosh circulated a paper outlining the Teaching and Learning Development Plan 2008-09. She said that the school will be building on what is working well.

Objectives – to create a subject specific approach to the implementation of ‘the essential features of a good learning journey’.

Success criteria – improvements in the quality and consistency of teaching and learning in lessons.

Teaching and Learning Group

- Experiment, trial and share innovative strategies
- Design a teaching and learning toolkit – autumn 2008 – starters and arrival activities
- To continue using paired observations of innovative teaching techniques
- Feedback to departments

Subject leaders

- What makes a good learning journey, criteria that are specific to subjects. Subject Leaders work with departments to agree criteria
- Review of Assessment for Learning and marking procedures
- Complete the construction of ‘Learning Ladders’ using levels and grades
- Consistency in the setting of homework

Subject leaders have a key role to play in all Teaching and Learning issues, and through the revised self-evaluation framework will be quality assuring classroom practice.

11/08 IMPACT OF Y9-11 OPTIONS 2008-09

Mr Chandler explained the old blocked option system and how it had changed. Students now have an open choice and this had worked very well. Only a minimal number of students had not been accommodated hence, there had been very little negative feedback, unlike in previous years.

Extra groups had been arranged for sixth form students in a number of subjects based on numbers applying for September 2008.

The biggest impact upon the curriculum for Year 10 will be fewer design groups next year.

New subjects at sixth form have good uptake (sports studies and photography). Group sizes will, for the most part, be below 20.

In KS4 the new BTEC and Applied GSC courses will run.

Triple science continues to be popular (over 25% of Y10 students).

Mr Chandler then left the meeting.

12/08 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 13 MARCH

Presented at the last full governing body meeting.

13/08 MATTERS ARISING

4/08 Careers Mark update – at present re-writing PSE courses and documentation. This will be submitted for accreditation in the autumn.

8/08 Annual review of SEN students – governors will be involved in specific projects, including this. Details to follow at the full governors' meeting.

13/08 SCHOOL DAY

Mr Jones explained to the committee that Moulton will be moving to a lesson by lesson monitoring system in September and it is suggested that lesson 5 be used for afternoon registration rather than having a separate five minute slot. This should help calm students down for the start of afternoon lessons. Staff will be fully trained on electronic registration before September.

Mr Jones explained that there would be practical issues to adding the five minutes to a lesson because of increased teacher workload. He suggested that school should finish at 3.20 pm instead of 3.25 pm and asked the sub-committee for their approval to take the suggestion to the full governing body.

Following discussion the committee recommended supporting the change.

14/08 SELF EVALUATION FORM

Mr Jones distributed copies of sections of the SEF. He took the committee through sections 3, 5 and 6 and said that section 4 would be discussed at the next Pupil and Personnel sub-committee meeting. The full draft would be circulated to all governors with the agenda.

The SEF had been completed on-line but could be amended at any time.

Some areas were good and some satisfactory but the base line should be good across the whole school within twelve months.