

Minutes of Standards & Curriculum Committee Meeting - Thursday 23rd June 2016



Standards Committee members: EH - Headteacher, RO-P, AW,

Curriculum Committee Members: EH – Headteacher, BT – Chair, RO-P, PB, AW

Those present:

Miss E Heanes - Headteacher Mr B Thompson - Chair
Mrs Orpwood-Price Mr P Buxton
Mr A Westcott Mr J Hayes

Clerk: Mrs J Galloway

Meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

1) Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr Cullen (Curriculum Committee), Mr Casey, Mr Marsland. In the absence of Mr Cullen, Mr Thompson agreed to Chair the meeting.

2) Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3) Approve Minutes of Standards Meeting of 01-03-16

The minutes of the Standards meeting of 01-03-16 were approved and signed as a true record by the Chair.

4) Matters Arising

A Governor enquired how staff were adjusting to assessment without levels?

The Headteacher advised that having been moderated this week it has been very useful in that the school now feels more confident with the new Curriculum. It has meant that the school has had their judgements validated and shown they are on the right track in their assessment of the new Curriculum.

There were no further matters arising from the Standards minutes.

5) SDP Update

Standards - A full update of results will be provided once results have been received and validated.

Curriculum – Reading Objective

The school has introduced 'The Power of Reading'. All teachers have now taught their first unit of English work based on a particular book. Staff have been very positive about this scheme. This scheme will also be a tool to support teachers in their planning of Literacy. There will be a range of fiction and non-fiction with links to other topics covered in class.

For this first unit Years 1 & 2 have planned together, Year 3 & 4 – planned together and Y5 & Y6 – planned together, the teachers then differentiate for their class.

The Governors asked the Headteacher the following questions:

Do the text choices have to be more challenging with the new curriculum than they used to be?

No it is high quality texts with a range of fiction and non-fiction.

Have the children found it better?

Yes they have enjoyed it as they get to know the book well, looking at the characters in the story, makes writing more purposeful.

Would there be consideration for moving children around within the year groups?

Potentially yes in the future, but the scheme needs to be embedded to see how it works.

ACTION: Headteacher to report on Key Stage results at full Governor meeting.

Minutes Approved :

Signed

Dated

9/11/16

6) **Approve Minutes of Curriculum meeting of 01-03-16**

The minutes of the Curriculum meeting of 01-03-16 were approved and signed as a true record by the Chair.

7) **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

8) **Policies for Review and Approval**

P.E. – The Headteacher asked for this policy to be deferred for review and approval in the Autumn term. There will be a new PE Co-Ordinator in the new academic year who will be working an external advisor on reviewing and updating the policy.

PSHCE - The Headteacher asked for this policy to be deferred for review and approval in the Autumn term. The PSHCE Co-Ordinator will be working with an advisor from the PSHE service on reviewing and updating the policy.

ACTION: PE & PSHCE Policies to be agenda item for first meeting of Autumn term.

9) **Moderation**

The school has been monitored for the Phonics testing for Year 1. A Local Authority Advisor came to the school to check papers were being stored correctly and securely and that the tests were being administered correctly. All was as it should be.

The school has today been moderated for Year 6 Writing. This was an extremely positive outcome.

The school is being moderated for KS1 tomorrow. The Headteacher will update Governors at the next meeting of the Governors.

The results of the moderation will be shared with Governors at the full Governing Body meeting.

ACTION: Results of Moderation to be shared at next full Governor meeting.

10) **AOB**

The Clerk requested that Chairs of Committees and the Chair of the Governing Body submit their draft inserts for the Governor Newsletter. If possible, submissions need to be forwarded to the office by the 5th July.

There was no further business.

ACTION: The Clerk to forward copy of last year's Governor Newsletter to Chairs.

11) **Dates of next meetings**

The date for the next meeting:

Local Governing Body – 7th July 2016 @ 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 7.35pm.

Minutes Approved : Signed Buller Dated 9/11/16