

Minutes of Standards & Curriculum Committee Meeting - Tuesday 1st March 2016



Standards Committee members: EH - Headteacher, SC - Chair, RO-P, AW, SM, DC, GD-J

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

Those present:

Miss E Heanes - Headteacher Mr S Cullen - Chair
Mrs Orpwood-Price Mr S Marsland
Mr A Westcott Mr D Casey
Mr B Thompson

Clerk: Mrs J Galloway

Meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

Due to a limited number of items on the agenda for these two committees it was agreed to merge the committees into one meeting. Mr Cullen Chaired the meeting for items 1 – 5. Mr Thompson Chaired the meeting for items 6 – 10.

1) Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr Buxton (Curriculum Committee).

2) Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3) Approve Minutes of Standards Meeting of 02-12-15

The minutes of the Standards meeting of 02-12-15 were approved and signed as a true record by the Chair.

4) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the Standards minutes.

5) Assessment Update

The Headteacher updated Governors on the new Assessment package which is being introduced – 'Pupil Asset'.

- Easy to use
- Paid for historical data to be transferred into the system. The current year's data has been input by the Headteacher and Deputy.
- Training for SLT members will take place next Tuesday during the afternoon. The teaching staff will then receive training at the end of the school day.
- The staff from Mepal & Witchem School will be joining our training and will bear half of the cost of the training
- The program enables better manipulation and analysis of data, more detailed reports
- Web based program therefore is accessible at any time
- Teachers will enter data the following week after training
- DEMAT Headteachers will be looking at Assessment as a group at their next meeting

Questions from Governors;

❖ **Has the system been purchased by the DEMAT?**

The DEMAT have secured a discounted cost for their schools. Schools then purchase the modules they require.

❖ **Is there a dedicated support system?**

Yes, they have a very good support line.

❖ **Will all subjects be entered into the system?**

Initially it will only be core subjects of Maths, English and Science.

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❖ **In terms of workload, will this system be similar?**

It will be a similar workload for teaching staff. In terms of data analysis by the SLT this should be easier.

6) Approve Minutes of Curriculum meeting of 02-12-15

The minutes of the Curriculum meeting of 02-12-15 were approved and signed as a true record by the Chair.

7) Matters Arising

Agenda item 6 - The Chair enquired if the visit from the DfE had been helpful in preparation for the visit from OfSTED. The Headteacher advised that as the data had been looked at in detail with the DfE representative it was helpful to have done this prior to the OfSTED visit

8) DfE Letter

The Headteacher provided Governors with a copy of the letter she had received. Feedback received via the letter and comments made to the DEMAT's Director of Education were that the visit was very positive, and that Bury was a lovely school.

9) AOB

A Governor enquired if there was anything planned in school to mark the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death.

The school will be organising projects to celebrate both Shakespeare and the Queen's 90th birthday.

Is the school still planning to have pupil led assemblies?

Yes these will be starting soon. The Headteacher will advise Governors when this commences.

The Headteacher suggested that the Committee structure be reviewed at the next Governor Body meeting to discuss whether Standards & Curriculum committees be amalgamated. The Governors agreed it would be good to discuss this at the next Governor meeting as the two committees are linked.

There was no further business.

ACTION: The Headteacher to advise Governors re: pupil led assemblies

Clerk to agenda for structure of Committees for next Governor meeting

10) Dates of next meetings

The dates for the next meetings are arranged as follows:

Local Governing Body – 26th April 2016

Committees - 15th June 2016

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Minutes Approved:

Signed



Dated

23 JUN 2016