

## Minutes of Standards & Ethos Committee Meeting - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017



Committee Members: EH – Headteacher, SC - Chair, RO-P, AW, DC, GD-J, PB

Those present:

Miss E Heanes - Headteacher  
Mr S Cullen - Chair  
Mr A Westcott  
Mr P Buxton  
Mr J Hayes  
Mr S Marsland

Clerk: Mrs J Galloway

Meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

### 1) Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Mr Casey and Mrs Orpwood-Price.

### 2) Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### 3) Approve Minutes of Standards & Ethos Meeting of 26-04-17

The minutes of the Standards & Ethos meeting of 26-04-17 were approved and signed as a true record by the Chair.

### 4) Matters Arising

The Clerk confirmed that the policies had been updated on the school network.

### 5) Policies for Approval

**English Policy** – The Governors received a copy of the policy prior to the meeting (see attached). There have been a small number of amendments to the policy. These were highlighted as follows:

- ❖ Point 4: Aims for the children – these are now more in line with the new national Curriculum and the policy has been changed to reflect the curriculum being delivered.
- ❖ Point 6: Teaching and learning – The National Curriculum programmes of Study (2013) – (this should read 2014 and will be amended in the policy) forms the basis of teaching and learning. The school has adopted the use of 'The Power of Reading' which was introduced by the Headteacher who had used this scheme in a previous school. It is proving to be very successful. The policy has been adapted to incorporate the use of the scheme.
- ❖ Point 7.4: Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – this is a new section introduced as there is now increased focus on this in both the end of KS1 and Key Stage 2 tests.
- ❖ Point 10: Parental / Community involvement – this has also been added into the policy
- ❖ Point 13: Assessment, Recording and Reporting – this now reflects the new assessment system – Pupil Asset.

Governors enquired: **Have there been any issues with the implementation of the changes?** *The Headteacher advised that there had been some reluctance in some areas of the school and it did meet with some resistance. However, the teachers have adopted the changes and are now seeing the impact and there is less resistance. It will continue to be monitored and as this becomes more embedded it can be more finely tuned. The children are starting to see clearer links between reading and writing.*

The Governors agreed to approve the policy.

**ACTION: Policy to be updated on School server.**

Minutes Approved : Signed

Dated 07/06/17

## 6) SDP Update

The Headteacher advised Governors that the School Development Plan (SDP) was in the process of being updated as the data is coming in from teachers.

From September, the SDP and the Self Evaluation Form (SEF), two key documents, in terms of evaluating and planning over the course of the next two years are being standardised by the DEMAT. Therefore once these have been received the school will need to transfer the information from the SDP into the DEMAT version of the SDP. The SEF will have to be re-written using the new format. These will then need to be submitted to DEMAT termly.

## 7) Moderation

The school is not being moderated in any areas this year. In school moderation has been undertaken and preliminary findings are as follows:

**EYFS** – The EYFS teacher has attended a Moderation meeting where samples of the work of five children are looked at to see if the moderators agree with the judgements the teacher has made. The judgements were all agreed to be accurate.

Final assessments are currently being made but indications are that the school will be in line with last year and in line with National.

**Phonics** – Phonics check has just been completed. Looking at pass mark from last year, if the level is increased by a couple of marks it is still expected that the school will improve on last year's results. Year 1 in particular have had very good results and the re-takes undertaken by some of the Year 2 pupils have gone well.

**KS1** – Provisional data has been looked at today. A couple of pupils will be re-evaluated and a further meeting will take place next week to make final judgements. Indications are that results will go up in all areas in comparison to last year.

**KS2** – The test data results come out at the beginning of July. The writing, which is teacher assessed has gone up on last year in both the area of 'expected' and 'greater depth'. With regard to progress, the data for reading will not go up as much, looking at the cohorts KS1 reading data, fifteen of the cohort achieved L3 in reading but only one achieved L3 in writing which is not typical. However, reading attainment should still be above last year.

In terms of whole school data, the process for moderation has been changed. Teachers will now work with the class teacher from the class they are inheriting. The teachers will moderate the judgements of the children together and agree the data they are receiving and teachers' performance management targets and children's targets will be based on this data.

## 8) Governor Visit

Governors were provided with a copy of the Numeracy report submitted by Mr Cullen prior to the meeting (see attached). There were no questions or comments on the report.

Mr Buxton advised that he had visited the school and spoken with Mr Westcott regarding Literacy data as a precursor to coming in to undertake an official visit.

## 9) AOB

The Parent Governor election is underway.

Mr Hayes has submitted his application for re-appointment. He has been advised that interviews will not take place until August / September. If this is the case the school will be short of five members on the LGB for its meeting arranged for July and have no Chair. Mr Hayes is awaiting a reply from Paul Walker on this issue.


## 10) Dates of next meetings

The date for the next meeting:

The meeting of the LGB has been re-arranged to Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017 @ 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Minutes Approved : Signed



Dated 07/07/17