

St Brigid's School	Governors Meeting Minutes
Thursday 12 th December 2013 At 6.30pm	

Quorum 12/19	Chair- Tony Hannigan
Clerk- Mrs S Wheeler	

	Attendance	Gov	Apologies/Absent			Gov	Apologies/Absent
RJ	Rona Jones	✓		JC	Judith Corbett		✓
CD	Colleen Davies		✓	PE-J	Philip Eyton-Jones	✓	
Mha	Maria Hammersley	✓		TH	Tony Hannigan	✓	
Mhe	Markus Hesseling	✓		CBL	Caroline Barr-Lloyd		✓
GLW	Geraint Lloyd-Williams	✓		DM	Darren Millar		✓
KR	Kevin Roberts	✓		SR	Sally Roberts	✓	
DD	Dawn Docx	✓		TT	Tony Thomas	✓	
JW	Jane Wood	✓		A	Head Girl- A		✓
MK	Mick Kumwenda	✓		JM	Jullian Molloy		✓
PM	Philip McGreevy		✓				

Issues discussed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matters arising • Options and staffing issues • Headteacher's report • Review of facilities • Policies • Admission policy • Safeguarding • School improvement plan • Faith based Provision Consultation

Decisions and recommendations made	By whom	When
<p>TH opened the meeting with a prayer.</p> <p>Paul Humberstone and Barry Shinn were in attendance of the meeting tonight.</p> <p>2. Headgirl was unable to attend the meeting today as she is preparing for an Oxford University interview. All wished her well.</p> <p>6. Options- PH explained SLT have been looking at the Yr9 GCSE options. We have 25 periods- English, Maths, Science, RE, PE, Public Services (CCF), Core skills, and 4 GCSE options- max 10.5 GCSE's. Proposed changes that the Science GCSE is split from the current Double Award. And to get rid of the short courses in</p>		

<p>order to do 6 instead of 5 Science classes, and also do GCSE Welsh. This will allow the children to gain 11 GCSE's instead of 10.5.</p> <p>Timetable. PH explained that we want sets in Maths only (currently we have sets for English too) RJ explained that a 0.5 post is needed.</p> <p>Mhe felt that these staffing questions could be taken to the staffing committee.</p> <p>Barry explained that the school will be classed as a middle school from April 2014. Sixth form numbers are slightly lower this school year. Post 16 funding and SEN funding is being reviewed (although there has been a delay on this)</p> <p>RJ the sixth form drop is due to the DCC consultation. Interest has improved significantly and the numbers will go back up for sixth form. RJ explained that education budgets were prioritised by the Government but now it may not be.</p> <p>RJ explained that there have been many pupils taking one subject and therefore had to run 2 classes.</p> <p>TH felt that plan of options and Maths sets are a must.</p> <p>Paul thanked Maria and Tony for their career support.</p>	<p>Staffing committee</p>	<p>Next staffing meeting</p>
<p>5. Headteacher's report. RJ explained that the tracking and monitoring of the pupil's wasn't happening previously. We are now doing this and the C/D borderline pupils have been identified and interventions are being put in place. RJ explained that there needs to be improvements in the figures.</p> <p>Action: Go through the figures on RJ report</p> <p>RJ explained that the Data Manager job role is now out for the 3rd time. We currently have massive problems with the computers in the school- RJ is taking this forward as a breach of contract for the IT support in the school.</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>Next meeting</p>
<p>7. TH explained that due to the upstairs space there is an extra 11% space. PEJ explained that English class can go upstairs. DT mobile is in the worse state. The mobile classrooms are owned by the school. PEJ handed out a proposed floor plan for the space upstairs.</p>		
<p>9. Admission policy. This policy is reviewed and renewed every 12 months (18 months ahead of that school year). The school has the policy in order to assess the level/key stage of the children- which allows the children to be in the correct set in classes. Any pupil/family can appeal an admission policy decision- there is always a notice in the press for the policy and any objections can be noted.</p>		
<p>8. Policies</p>		

<p>RJ is currently going through the policies. Action- RJ to email the behaviour policy. Governor's to read it</p> <p>JW said that DCC are looking at the disciplinary policy. DD and RJ to look at the equality policy.</p>	RJ and Governor's	ASAP
<p>10. Safeguarding Wayne Weatley to attend the next meeting</p>		
<p>12. DCC Faith Based Provision for North Denbighshire Consultation</p> <p>TH thanked the Action Group for all of their work over the past year. Action- Trustee's to write to DCC to ask to be included in the next stage of the consultation.</p>	Trustees	ASAP
<p>AOB JW has attended training recently. Action- TH to get dates of all training available. All governor's to inform SW of when they attend training courses.</p> <p>TH- The school bandings have come out today. St Brigid's remain in band 2.</p> <p>Action- Link Governor's- All link Governor's need to be decided in the next meeting.</p>	TH	ASAP
	All	Next meeting

Duration of meeting- 2 hours	Minutes sent to Chair- 24.01.2014
Next meeting- 13 th March 2014	