

Governors Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday 17th March 2016, 6.30 p.m.

Quorum – 10/19	Chair – TH Tony Hannigan
Clerk - AS Anne Spiller In attendance - NS – Nicola Stubbings, Corporate Director DCC KE – Karen Evans, Head of Education & Children Services PEJ – Philip Eyton-Jones, Trust Chairman	

	Attendance	Gov	Apologies/ Absent			Gov	Apologies/ Absent
TH	Tony Hannigan	√		RJ	Rona Jones	√	
EB	Emily Bolwell	√		DD	Dawn Docx	√	
MHa	Maria Hammersley		√	MH	Markus Hesselting	√	
BJ	Barbara Jemmett		√	MK	Mick Kumwenda	√	
GLW	Geraint Lloyd-Williams		√	PM	Phil McGreevy	√	
HMc	Hannah McMurray	√		DM	Darren Millar		√
HO	Heather Owen	√		PQ	Paul Quirk	√	
KR	Kevin Roberts	√		SR	Sally Roberts	√	
TT	Tony Thomas	√		JW	Jane Wood	√	

Issues Discussed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Prayer • Welcome newly appointed Governor • Introductions • Student Council Report • Faith School update • Minute of Meeting held on 22nd Oct & 11th Nov • Head teacher's Report • Sub Committee Reports • Safeguarding • Estyn Update • School Improvement Plan • Any Other Business

Decisions and recommendations made	Whom	When
1. Welcome new elected Teacher Governor: TH welcomed Hannah McMurray to her first meeting. She was a past pupil and leads the Foundation Phase in Junior School.		
2. Student Council Report: EB informed the meeting that the former School council had agreed to re-name itself 'Student Council' Meet in three groups: Junior, Senior and whole school Council. Reps meet with RJ and CB-L. This year they have. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Ruffled a Fair Trade Hamper and bought gifts via CAFOD. ii) Re-introduced lunchtime dinner rota. One way system through Dining Room, leave through the Caretaker yard. Menus published in corridor where they line up for lunch. Thus choose before entry & Speed up service. iii) Sandwich Bar also open on Friday. Request for Eco friendly cups for water. iv) Sports Council Club – Netball run by MC & MS. Football DC, BP & HMR v) Battle of the Bands – MC & MS Involved in the community. Both attended the School Council Forum. vi) Student Council Shop. Will Open in September. No food. Stationary and personal supplies. 		

<p>vii) Vlth form support Primary with paired reading skills. viii) Changing rooms – overcrowding where two classes overlap for PE EB left meeting at 1845 hrs</p>		
<p>Faith School Update: Update given 3.</p>		
<p>4. Apologies: DM, BJ and GLW. GLW had resigned as Community Council Gov. PEJ on behalf of the Trust recommend to this meeting that he became a Foundation Governor. Approved.</p>	PEJ	22/3
<p>5. Minutes of Meeting held on 22.10.15: 9. H/T Report – Pupil referrals home schooled. 10. Sub-Committees – RJ Link Governors still not all in place. Needs to be addressed. Proposed by JW & Seconded by RJ</p> <p>Minutes of Meeting held on 22.11.15: Minor correction which JW would adjust, get signed by TH and filed. Retain 14% selected on ability for Yr 7 09/16 entry. Thereafter selection ceases. approved by KR & Seconded by JW.</p>	RJ	
<p>6. Headteacher's Report Report circulated prior to meeting: Were parents reading the weekly newsletter? Excellent getting news out for parents. Jon Rosser (GWE) retiring end of this year. RJ wanted to thank him for his help. GwE coding moved from Red 2.5 yrs ago to strong Amber. Had been a blip year in Primary. Visit 3 in the Summer term then, will move forward to Green. Lot less support when we do but shows improvement journey and reduced need for so much support. Projection for results – Looking better across the board. S.D.P. Need to show progress with Traffic Light system. When done will circulate. WAG may put up our SDP as a Template for a through school following an SDP audit visit. Welsh Baccalaureate: Looked at progress – on target for delivery. KS2 move to increased Level 5 KS3 low quartile groups. Headline % should be better</p>	RJ	
<p>7. Sub-Committee Reports The draft list of members circulated at start of meeting. Adjustment made by negotiation. RJ asked for support by sub-committee members to try and attend, essential to have a quorum and for Goves to challenge when necessary.</p> <p>a) Finance: PMcG update as it has been. We spend, DCC pay. Reasonably steady state. Complex system DCC use. Budget figures came out this week and are showing reductions in Foundation Phase and post 16. We are in the same boat as the rest of the Public Sector. Work place pensions added on £40k + living wage inc N.I. Will impact year on year.</p> <p>b) Admissions: Objections dealt with 2017/18 Policy to be published. All carried. Primary and Yr 7 admissions 09/16 done. Nursery in progress.</p> <p>c) Property: PEJ reported finally the A543 30 MPH restriction is now in force. Additional parking provision on sports field. Traffic plan estimate £10k. Trust had approved payment, but James Curran to be asked to pay as DCC had recently done this for Rhyl schools. CRAMP bids to be submitted by 31.3.16 to Diocese PEJ will also copy direct to WAG. Last year only given £5k. DB had taken sections out of Partition wall between Matron's Flat. Awaiting Surveyors report. PEJ thanked AS for her work for that sub-committee.</p> <p>d) Staffing: Confidential LSAs: A few fixed term contracts will not be renewed. Some natural wastage with SEN pupils leaving.</p>	PEJ PEJ PEJ	
<p>8. Safeguarding Update: RJ, MH & LP will be going on a training course with DCC in April. Policy has now got a big section on Counter terrorism risks.</p>		

<p>9. Estyn Inspection update: Must give 20 school working days notice. Prepared, but always on edge waiting for the call!</p>		
<p>10. School Improvement plan: RAG status updated to include Yellow to give a better idea of almost completed actions. We are on target. Nothing outstanding. Final drive to achieve predicted results</p>		
<p>11. Policies and Procedures: Agreed to do revisions with tracked changes and reviews for approval by e-mail. PQ noted that MAT policy should say M.A.T. Co-ordinator appointed by H/T. Policy needs to be mapped across the whole school.</p>	RJ	
<p>8. Any other business</p> <p>i) School Uniform: KR reported a bone of contention with parents. Monkhouse pricing structure. Difference in shirts for boys / girls. Cost of blazers? PEJ – Had explored other suppliers in past. Not able to finance the stock required to cover the unique uniform & size range. Rain coats were available to wear in addition to blazer– Reversible fleece or Kagool. It was agreed that we don't want to come away from the way we look. RJ will arrange a meeting with Monkhouse with KR to discuss options and pricing.</p> <p>ii) Workshop: Agreed we are not going to sell ourselves short at workshop. See what's on offer. We will clarify & strengthen our resolve, continue to push forward our aims. What we want. Open to compromise, but not on a lot! TH will e-mail result of workshop, decide when to meet next.</p> <p>iii) Retirement: TH thanked AS for her support and work with the Governing Body.</p>	RJ/KR	

<p>Date of Next Meeting 2016</p>	<p>Duration of Meeting: 2 Hrs 45 Minutes</p>
<p>Draft Minutes to Head Teacher & Chair 23.3.16</p>	<p>Minutes to Committee: 2016</p>