

## Chesterton Community College

### Full Governing Body

#### Minutes from the 01<sup>st</sup> February 2017

**Present:** Helen Arnold (HA), Kath Hutchinson (KH), Colleen Lehane (CL), Roger Mann (RM), Eva Pepper (EP), Lucy Lewis (LL), Simon Peyton Jones (SPJ) (CHAIR, Jim Warwick (JW), Mary Sanders (MS), Lucy Scott (Headteacher), Morag Morrison-Helme (MMH), Shahida Rahman (SR), Peter Rodgers (PR), Masum Shaikh (MS), Luke Tunmer (LT), Michaela Eschbach (ME), Rolf Purvis (RP), Clare Hargraves (CH), Martin Russell (MR), Donna Young (DY), Peter Watts (PW) and Suzanne Izzard (Clerk).

- 1. Apologies:** Shelley Lockwood, Jo Borroughes and Tim Spencer
- 2. Declaration of Conflict of Interests:** Nothing new to add.
- 3. Register of Business Interests:** Nothing new to add.
- 4. Minutes from the last meeting (07/12/2016):** one minor change was actioned, these were then signed as a true record by the Chair. Actions were all completed. It was agreed for SPJ and JW to email Richard Auffret to look further into the IPAD data that was received.

Simon spoke to the committee regarding inviting Anne Constantine to join the FGB as a new community governor, as previously discussed via email. The committee were all in agreement to elect Anne and agreed that SPJ would write formally.

- 5. Policies to be ratified:** There were no policies to be ratified at this meeting.
- 6. Staff CPD Programme:** KH gave an update to the committee on CPD sessions and explained the different sessions that are available to staff. The programme that will be available to staff next half term was discussed in depth.

KH gave a recap to governors on the High Performance Learning (HPL) project that the college is taking part in and what we have done so far. KH explained how a webinar was due to take place at the end of the month which will share the work done between the other pilot schools. Examples of work produced using the HPL learning was also discussed.

Governors queried the use of the Apple product (IPADS) and how governors felt about continuing or changing to a different device. It was discussed that Apple seemed to be best at this time but it gets re-evaluated year by year.

Governors questioned how frequent HPL lessons take place, to which it was explained that they are happening when needed and appropriate. It is brought in the NQT'S induction and staff are 100% on board with the project.

7. **Art and Design:** LS gave an update on progress from July 2016-January 2017 within the Art & Design faculty. In July 2016, Morgain Murray-Williams was appointed as faculty leader, Liz Askham as design teacher in charge of KS3, Kerry Watkins Marks as design teacher in charge of KS4 and Rebecca Gardner was appointed as second in art responsible for photography.
8. **Build Update:** This was covered in SLT report. The petition that reached over a thousand signatures was presented to the Young Peoples Committee on January 17<sup>th</sup> by Mateja Jamnik. The final meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> February will be where hopefully a final decision will be made.
9. **Free School Bid:** On January 31<sup>st</sup> we meet with the DFE to discuss our two free school applications. We hear the outcome in March or April.
10. **Energy Infrastructure:** have been looking at other schools to get some feedback about the proposed energy infrastructure scheme. The feedback so far has been very positive. MR has looked into the operating lease and is happy with the outcome. Looking likely to make a start in half term and produce a proposal with a 60 day maximum time to do it. The proposal will need to be taken to the Resources committee to look at. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the FGB committee would delegate authority to the resources committee to make the final decision providing that they have seen the report and have the opportunity to attend the Resources meeting if they wanted to. Governors suggested that it might be an idea to invite parents as some have been involved in the process.
11. **Ofsted & Pupil Premium:** LS added that work was continuing with a focus on year 11 to help them achieve good grades for GCSEs. SLT are in constant discussions as to the best way to support and help students. LS spoke about the new GCSEs and how staff are preparing to help support students. Students are working very hard. It was suggested that an update on this be given at the next T&L meeting on PP progress and further ideas that have been discussed. SEN needs regarding processing difficulties has been a focus. Progress 8 – having individual conversations/focus energy in different areas.  
  
**Action: Clerk to add PP Progress and ideas to T&L agenda.**

12. **SLT Report:** LS went through the SLT report covering
  - the Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) – Progress has been made on the school site using the CIF funding.
  - MAT Developments- Tim Oates has become a member of our trust. Free School Interviews,
  - KIT (Keeping in touch visit), Update on staff work spaces,
  - E-Learning,
  - Options Process,
  - Year 11 revision Day and
  - the expansion of Chesterton, where we are at so far.
13. **A.O.B** Nothing to add.

**Date of next meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017**