



**CHESTERTON  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

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**Full Governing Body Minutes**

**1<sup>st</sup> May 2012**

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**MINUTES OF THE FULL GOVERNING BODY (FGB)**  
**MEETING Tuesday 1st May 2012**

- 1. Present:** Mark Patterson, Mary Sanders, James Strachan, Simon Peyton-Jones, Paul Tonks, Steve Hampson, Nicola Von Schreiber, Alistair Wayne, Belinda Jones, Jim Warwick, Kirsten Branigan, Heidi Watters, Susannah Clements, Katharine Hutchinson, Ayesha Tahir, David Carter, Colleen Lehane, Rolf Purvis, Richard Auffret and Richard Kirkby.
- 2. Apologies:** Roger Mann, David Sharp, Andrew Kennedy.
- 3. Welcome:** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced our two new Governors, David Carter (Parent Governor) and Colleen Lehane (Staff Governor).
- 4. Pecuniary Interests:** None were declared.
- 5. Conflict of Interests:** Simon Peyton Jones declared that he worked for Microsoft in view of the topic to be discussed in item 9.
- 6. Minutes of the last meeting (07/02/2012):** These were signed by the Chair as a true record
- 7. Matters arising:**
  - Thank you to the Sports Centre

**Action: Simon Peyton Jones**

  - Training from Mark Small: Governors decided that the Power Point Presentation emailed by Mark Small would suffice at this stage and no additional training was required at present.
- 8. Policies:** The following policies were ratified by the Governing body at this meeting:
  - Attendance Policy and Procedures
  - Collective Worship and RE Policy
  - The School Dress Policy, now known as the Uniform Policy
  - Grouping Students Policy
  - Complaints Leaflet
  - Bullying and Harassment Policy

- a) It was decided to put the Behaviour, A Quick guide on hold, as the Behaviour Policy is being reviewed with the Teaching and Learning Committee and with an emphasis on Clarity and Expectation. Various discussions followed on different aspects of Behaviour at Chesterton and it was noted that Internal and External exclusions have decreased significantly. Attendance has also greatly improved.
- b) The Isolation room and its significance were also discussed.
- c) Alistair Wayne expressed an interest in the discussion of the Behaviour policy at the next Teaching and Learning committee meeting and that it should then be brought to the Full Governors for their comments.
- Action: Clerk to invite Alistair Wayne to next T& L meeting**
- d) It was decided to change the name of the School Dress Code, to the Uniform Policy. All Governors agreed.

### **9. Governor Involvement Policy:**

Belinda Jones gave a short summary of this Policy, which had been compiled by a small working party lead by Roger Mann. Governors agreed it was a great document and thanked Roger and his team for their commitment in putting this together. Following on from this document, Governors were asked if they would like to become a link Governor to a Faculty at Chesterton with a view to reporting back to the Full Governing Body once a year. The Policy was approved by all Governors.

**Action: Clerk to email Governors with a list of Faculties.**

### **10. Principals Report:**

Governors were asked to comment on the School Improvement Plan.

- Attendance was seen to be a successful area and persistent absence has decreased. Absence has improved from an Ofsted Satisfactory to Good if not Outstanding.
- Next year we will be carrying out Spotlights on all faculties (Only some had spotlights this year), so a more accurate figure on the overall standard of Teaching will be obtained.
- Student Voice is playing a more important role at Chesterton and the students comments are resulting in positive actions around the school. For example, each year now has a bike storage area and there is a reminder bell 5 minutes before registration.
- Focus on "The Learning Environment is fit for purpose". All classrooms now have a projector for example.
- Students are continuing to complete The Chesterton Challenge.

### **11. A Tablet Device for each student at Chesterton:**

The document on this had been circulated previously, with an emphasis on enabling young people to become independent learners. It was not about technology, but about improving teaching and learning. Richard Kirkby and Richard Auffret spoke about different learning styles for different students and how to articulate learning in different ways.

Governors discussed the proposal at length. The general consensus was that in principle we would like to go ahead; but that we must now consult staff, parents, and students in some detail about how to turn the principle into practice. Finding a workable funding model is a particularly important issue.

A working party has been set up to look at the issues raised.

**Action: Clerk to arrange a date for the working party to meet.**

### **12. Transfer and re-appointment of Governors:**

All Governors were in favour of Roger Mann and Kirsten Branigan transferring from LA Governors to Community Governors, to comply with our Articles of Association as an Academy.

All Governors were in favour of re-appointing James Strachan as a Community Governor.

**13.** The meeting closed at 10.10pm.

**14. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at 7.30pm in the Resource Centre.