



**CHESTERTON
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**Chesterton Community College
Strategic Committee Minutes
14 January 2015**

Chesterton Community College

Strategic committee Minutes

14th January 2015

1. Present: Lucy Scott (Headteacher), Simon Peyton-Jones (Chair), Jim Warwick, Andrew Kennedy, Roger Mann, Rolf Purvis (Deputy Head), Lloyd Brown (Deputy Head), Steve Erickson (Assistant Head), Donna Young (Assistant Head), Katrina Patterson (Temporary Assistant Head), Richard Auffret (Second in eLearning) and Mark Little (Director of Finance and Resources)

2. Apologies: Mary Sanders, Clare Hargraves

In attendance: Wendy Palmby (Clerk)

This meeting was quorate with 5 Governors out of 6 present. (Quorum is a minimum of 3 Governors)

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests: None were declared.

4. Register of Business: Simon Peyton Jones and Andrew Kennedy declared that they worked for Microsoft Research.

5. Minutes of the last meeting, (01.07.2014) were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair. There were no matters arising.

6. School Improvement plan (SIP), following the Headship planning day:

The Head explained the four areas from the SIP that the Headship had focused on and also that the IT department had also held a planning day. The aim was to generate creative ideas rather than to take policy decisions.

- i. **Vision for Teaching & Learning** was presented by Lloyd Brown who explained "Chesterton Vision for Learning Conversation". The plan runs from January to June 2015 and includes all stakeholders, students, staff, parents and governors. The aim is to have a final vision for Chesterton by the end of June 2015.
- ii. **Recruitment** was presented by Rolf Purvis, against a background in which teacher recruitment is challenging, especially in shortage subjects like science and maths. Mr Purvis outlined a range of ways in which we could hope to improve recruitment, including help with accommodation and other support for newly qualified teachers, website development and a video. With the government placing increasing emphasis on School Direct, without its prior restriction to schools judged outstanding, there are new opportunities for Chesterton to become involved in initial teacher training, as part of SCITT (School-centred initial teacher training) partnership with other schools.

- iii. **Community school:** Mark Little spoke about the possibility of developing a much broader community education programme, in partnership with third party providers that could be interested in using our facilities and seeking to establish relationships. Local community demand would be assessed and we would look at establishing a new programme of adult education. The full programme would hopefully be ready for September 2015.
- iv. **Marketing the School:** Donna Young explained the goal here: to share with some key audiences beyond the school some of the good things that are happening within it. ON particularly important audience is the parents and children at our feeder primary schools. Donna suggested several initiatives, including
 - a. An Academic and Well-being Masterclass for Year 5 students across the city, with local primary schools. It was intended to run a trial at Easter.
 - b. A Level 6 Maths and English Masterclass after school, for those parents who may want to subscribe.
 - c. Chesterton CPD could be developed with online access for teachers in other schools.
 - d. Chesterton also want to increase press coverage and one of our Progress Support Workers, Lauren Parker is assisting with the press releases, as she has had previous experience in this field.
 - e. The school is enriched by students from abroad, and we have a strong EAL (English as an additional language) programme. Promoting the school to visiting academics would build on this strength.

7. IT Development plan: This was presented by Richard Auffret who talked about students shaping their own learning and how to develop a more sustainable infrastructure for eLearning, with an Anytime, Anywhere, Anyhow facility. The intention was to centralise the information available which should improve communication between staff, students and parents. Richard then went on to show a short video on future technology and a mood board.

8. Governors comments/thoughts: A discussion followed which included the following comments:

- Technology. We must keep a strong focus on the *content*, and not get too carried away with the *technology*.
- Community school. Being a community school is the priority here. The initiative must fund itself, but should not be regarded primarily as a fund-raising exercise. We need to think carefully about whether to seek to have a full-time post running it or to be in partnership in a scheme run by someone else (or some combination).
- In relation to the press connection, it would be good to involve students. For example, perhaps some of our students could work as apprentice journalists with the Cambridge News.

The Head stated that the SIP would be re-visited at the next Full Governing Body meeting on 11th February 2015.

9. Date of the next meeting: Friday 13th March 2015 at 8am was a suggested date.

The meeting closed at 9.05 am.