



**CHESTERTON
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**Chesterton Community College
Strategic Committee Minutes**

3rd July 2015

- 1. Present:** Lucy Scott (Headteacher), Simon Peyton-Jones (Chair), Shelley Lockwood, Eva Pepper, Mary Sanders, Jim Warwick, Roger Mann, Helen Arnold, Rolf Purvis (Deputy Head), Donna Young (Deputy Head), Timothy Spencer (Assistant Head), Cathy Abrahams (Temporary Assistant Head), Peter Watts (Temporary Assistant Head), Mark Little (Director of Finance and Resources),
- 2. Apologies:** Clare Hargraves (Assistant Head)

In attendance: Wendy Palmby (Clerk)

This meeting was quorate with 8 Governors out of 8 present. (Quorum is a minimum of 3 Governors.

- 3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests:** None were declared.
- 4. Register of Business:** None were declared.
- 5. The Chair welcomed:** Timothy Spencer (Assistant Head), Cathy Abrahams (Temporary Assistant Head) and Peter Watts (Temporary Assistant Head) to their first Strategic committee meeting.
- 6. Minutes of the last meeting:** (20.03.2015) were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair. There were no matters arising.
- 7. Audit of Governor Body Effectiveness:** This document was brought to the attention of Governors and it was decided to take it to individual committees for fifteen minutes of reflection going forward.
- 8. Strategic Partnerships for Chesterton:**

The Chair introduced the main item on the agenda.

Lucy Scott, then circulated a discussion document and underlined the context of outstanding descriptors involving partnership working. Lucy Scott then discussed the points listed on the document and asked Governors to consider the options.

The closing date for bids relating to the proposed new school is August 31st 2015.

Rolf Purvis spoke about supporting Milton Road Primary school and the possibility of forming a stronger partnership with them. Chesterton has already been involved with supporting their English curriculum with Year 6 and there is the possibility of supporting for example Maths, Music, IT and their Library going forward.

Governors sked about the implications of Chesterton as an Academy working with what is an LA (Local Authority) primary school and the implications for resources.

A discussion around this and the sponsorship process for a new school followed.

The Chair sked Governors to think about the advantages of being involved with running a new school and the following are some of the things mentioned:

- Greater scope for the curriculum
- Sharing intervention, IT support and catering
- Increased sports facilities and drama opportunities
- Sharing a House system
- Students would benefit from a larger Orchestra and Choir
- Recruitment and leadership opportunities
- Training advantages and Data sharing.
- It would be linking two similar schools

Governors then discussed resourcing implications and the possibility of start-up funding with a shared resource at the top. Student funding would remain the same, but there was unlikely to be any additional funding once the new school was up and running.

Governors then asked about data and it was explained that the two schools would be inspected by Ofsted separately, but the data would also be looked at together with a commonality of systems.

It was noted that communication to stakeholders would be very important both with timing and context.

The Head added that the process of bidding had to be completed by August 31st 2015 and this would be followed in September by an open meeting. The LA has the final decision on who is selected to sponsor the new school. It would be important to think about what distinctive features we have at Chesterton.

The Chair then summarised the discussions and said that the decisions on supporting Milton Road and sponsoring the new school would be made by the Full Governing Body at the next meeting on July 9th 2015.

9. A.O.B: The date of the next FGB has had to move to 9th July 2015 because of a clash with a major school event.

10.Date of the next meeting: Friday 11th December 2015

The meeting closed at 8.55am