

St Paul's Walden School

Standard Committee Minutes

Wednesday 6th February 2019

Present;

Nancy Adshead, Anne Reid, Sue Carter, Elaine Petch, Asha Herbert (Minutes)

1. The following persons sent their apologies and these were accepted; Leanne Curtis, Paul Dawes
2. Previous minutes agreed
3. Actions

Policies – Continuing action AR will bring up at FGM and will check with Priscilla regarding ratification of policies -i.e. play. (3)

Bringing a strategic approach to Values, Ethos of the school, AR did address at the FGM.

4. Ethical Leadership Commission – A report from NA, AR and EP was received of their participation in the ethical Leadership framework launch - at which schools were offered to become pathfinders. They have signed up. This will give access to online resources which can be used to access ethical leadership. The framework looks at collaborative rather than competitive working and it is felt will support us in our values and ethos development.
5. Discussion around mentor visit – Questions were asked around the EYFS, reception and year 1 group. Were there difficulties found with balancing? NA continues to work with updating and focusing on developing the right environment to facilitate ease of use of the space. There is an expectation of training with local school and observations by staff.
6. Discussion around homework expectation and consistency across the school and its accountability. The monitoring cycle concept was discussed. A question was asked around the Big Write - this was explained to be a piece of writing for all those across the school which was targeted to the year level.
7. Peer observations were discussed and it was expressed that over in time familiarity will make these a more comfortable process. These will be aimed at both teachers and TA's.
8. The on-line math's scheme – Rockstar's has been introduced in readiness for the times table assessment. This appears to have been well received by the school pupils.

9. A discussion was had around home school agreement (HAS). Questions were asked who should this be aimed at? Should pupils have a bigger voice/contribution? Does the frequency of sending need to alter? It was suggested frequency should be one at each level of school, i.e. Reception, KS1, and KS2. A question was asked around including the Home Learning Plan in with the HAS. This was with the goal of facilitating home learning for all children. Discussion included ideas around homework clubs, older children helping younger children. **NA will consult with staff around these ideas.**
10. Online Safety – A governor enquired if signed online safety policy was on the SCR (Single Central Record). The paper record was signed and shown. **NA will arrange to get all policies that need to be signed on an annual basis on the SCR.**
11. AOB – NA and AR – discussion around data and its availability. They will schedule dates so data can be viewed each time and will be recorded on SMIS to be easily accessible. There was felt there could be a potential for change of dates, this will be brought up at the FGM.