

## Minutes

### Present

Sarah Bamford  
Sarah Bergson  
Sue Black (Vice Chair)  
Mark Gale  
Ruth Gilson (Chair)  
Julie McKeown  
Stuart Singleton-White  
Linda Watsham  
Miriam Barlow – Clerk

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## Welcome

### 1. Apologies

1.1. Apologies were received from Peter Kayes and were accepted by the Committee.

### 2. Declaration of interests

2.1. There were none declared.

### 3. Minutes of the meeting 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015 (attached and distributed to committee members)

3.1. These were proposed by Sarah Ba, seconded by Mark Gale, agreed by the Committee and signed by the Chair.

### 4. Matters arising from the minutes

4.1. 5.15 – Sarah has asked other Heads about this. They do not make explicit reference to FGM. We will use the policy as it is and deal with any cases as they arise.

### 5. Policies reviewed by Headteacher

5.1. There were no policies for review.

### 6. Data – progress update attached and distributed to committee members

6.1. Writing is still an issue in some classes. We are exploring further support for these children.

6.2. We are offering extra lessons to pupil premium pupils by qualified teachers.

6.3. **QUESTION:** The best writing data appears to be in Yr 5 and 2PT – is this because there is a strong cohort or because something special is going on in these classes? **ANSWER:** There is particularly good practice going on in these classes. Other teachers are observing these to get ideas for their own classes.

6.4. There is really good progress in Year 6.

6.5. Julie's work as pastoral support worker has been reduced recently as she has been providing cover for sick leave. She is now back.

### 7. Curriculum – update

7.1. The New Curriculum is being taught in every year except 2 and 6.

7.2. One issue is being able to assess the new curriculum with no numerical measures. Target tracker will be helpful. There needs to be some thought put into presenting data to parents.

7.3. Outdoor sessions have ended for now. Sarah Be has been successful in securing another 10 sessions at the University for the autumn. She will continue to work on securing 30 sessions for next year. This is being funded from pupil premium money.

7.4. It was noted that the quality of the outdoor sessions was very high, and is highly beneficial to all the children.

- 7.5. University of Redlands degree courses will start after half term. This was very successful last year. It gives children experiences beyond the curriculum. We have changed the timing to be in the afternoon rather than the morning. David Bell, the University Vice Chancellor, will be coming to the graduation ceremony.
- 7.6. It was noted that it was healthy for children to have the experience of choosing what they do.

## **8. SEN - update**

- 8.1. Sarah Ba gave feedback on the review from Anita Devi at RBC.
- 8.2. Strengths include pastoral care and the breadth of provision.
- 8.3. We need to hone in on the impact of interventions. **QUESTION:** Does this mean following up and understanding the impact? **ANSWER:** Yes, tightening the process of monitoring what is being delivered and the impact of that. We need a way of enabling children to transfer what they learn within the intervention into the classroom. Some data is not presentable numerically.
- 8.4. **QUESTION:** Is the report a little on the short side? Are we expecting a fuller report? **ANSWER:** It was what we expected, and we know exactly what we need to work on, so we are satisfied.
- 8.5. **QUESTION:** How are you going to measure your improvements? **ANSWER:** We will be judged by our data and by Ofsted. RBC will not be coming back for a follow-up.
- 8.6. **QUESTION:** Is there much networking between schools? **ANSWER:** There is a SEN network meeting termly. Between schools, there is a good network.
- 8.7. **QUESTION:** Has Jenny Tuck, the SEN networker at RBC, been replaced? **ANSWER:** No, not yet. **ACTION:** Miriam to find out if the SEN networker is going to be replaced and if the SEN Governor network run by Jenny Tuck was being continued by someone else.
- 8.8. Sue is rewriting the policy. This will be brought to Governors.
- 8.9. Several parents took the opportunity to make an appointment with the SENCO at parents evening.
- 8.10. There are plans to continue with and expand the Parents SEN forum.

## **9. Attendance – update attached and distributed to committee members**

- 9.1. The low attendance in year 2 last term was due to chickenpox, plus one long term sickness.
- 9.2. There is a planned absence this term which will affect our attendance figures.
- 9.3. **QUESTION:** How do our attendance figures compare with those of other schools? **ANSWER:** They compare well with other schools.
- 9.4. **QUESTION:** How will the planned absence this term affect our figures? **ANSWER:** We hope to stay above the 95% mark.

## **10. Safeguarding – update**

- 10.1. We are working with two families on safeguarding issues.
- 10.2. We have now completed the disqualification regulation declaration.

## **11. Community – update**

- 11.1. We continue to enjoy good links with the University – student teachers, science links, David Bell. Olivia is working with student mentors.
- 11.2. We welcomed visiting Authors on world book day.
- 11.3. The REinspired work continues.
- 11.4. The O2 hexagon choirs was a success.
- 11.5. We are taking part in the Beat the Streets competition again.
- 11.6. The Quiz was a great success – the Governors thanked Sarah Ba for organising this.

## **12. Clerking matters**

There were no Clerking matters.

## **13. AOB**

- 13.1. **QUESTION:** Next year's intake – how many people got first choice as Redlands? **ANSWER:** We are not sure of the exact number. We have a lot of children from Nursery coming into school.

Hand-outs: None

The meeting closed at 19:25