

Minutes of Full Governing Body Meeting

TESTWOOD SPORTS COLLEGE

Date: 21st September 2016
 Time: 6.00 p.m
 Venue: Learning Resource Centre

Persons Present: Jenny Pitman (Headteacher), Paula Kennedy (Deputy Headteacher, Graham Pike, Tony Jerrett, Jackie Barker, Vanessa Ford, Nick Gilbert, John Lawrence, Gemma Young, Chris Bell, Hadleigh Garland, Gemma Young, Dawn Bushrod

In attendance

Christina Randles	Clerk to the Governing Body
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Apologies Alison Platt

Action points: those outstanding denoted in red

No	Action	By Whom	Timescale
16-3-16/3	SIP to have a RAG coding and an appendix for jargon.	JP	7 th December 2016
13-7-16/1	Core Subject Review in Art to be set for a new meeting date	JP	7 th December 2016
13-7-16/3	Governor Link Visit to be continued from last term	DB/All	24 th November 2016
13-7-16/5	Child Protection Training and Prevent Training to be completed	All	7 th December 2016
21-9-16/1	Pecuniary Interest Forms to be amended	All	7 th December 2016
21-9-16/2	Science to be linked to next Governor Link Visit	All	7 th December 2016
21-9-16/3	Parents to be advised of the new examinations process	JP	7 th December 2016
21-9-16/4	WGB training to be organised for RAISE online – date to be agreed	JP/Chair	7 th December 2016
21-9-16/5	Skills Audit to be sent electronically to all governors	JL	24 th November 2016

No	Agenda Item	Action
1.	Welcome and Apologies All were welcomed to the meeting and to the new academic year. Apologies were received from Alison Platt.	21-9-16/1

HEADLINES

The initial information relating to the examination results had been made available to Governors in the Summer Holidays. This was now presented to Governors in a table format and had been issued prior to this meeting.

The Deputy Head confirmed that the college were pleased with the performance of the students. 49% had achieved 5 A* to C grades. This figure was confirmed as a 4% increase on last year.

It was felt that good progress had been made. Governors were made aware that the grading system is changing. Progress 8 and Attainment 8 will be the key drivers in identifying progress. Governors were made aware that concerns over future data will potentially drive an Ofsted visit. This figure will potentially be in the region of -0.5%

A governor raised a question on comparing the results of girls versus boys

It was confirmed that a significant number of boys performed at a lower level and this included pupil premium children also. Governors were made aware that progress had been made with these children but this unfortunately did not impact on the overall scoring for the college.

It was pleasing for the college to see an increase in those children of Low Ability. The focus for the college moving forward is 'closing the gap' for boys and pupil premium students.

Point 11 of the agenda was discussed at this point during the meeting. Governors felt that Training on Life After Levels, Progress 8 and Attainment 8 would be beneficial and should take place during the Autumn Term.

It was prudent to mention that Governors had been previously advised of the support the students were given during the lead up to their examinations. The revision activities that had taken place, it was felt, had had an effective impact on students. Governors passed their thanks on to all those involved.

The 70th anniversary celebrations were discussed and mentioned at this point in the meeting. The college were delighted with the event and the participation of many old and new students. A photo show is to be made available to all.

No further clarification was requested in relation to results.

In relation to link subject areas, data will be made available to Governors which may assist in future visits.

Science data is to be scrutinised and is a priority focus moving forward. It will be a focus for the Link Governor Visits.

It was confirmed that options for students have been altered appropriately, maximising opportunities for all. Governors had made available to them a list of the subjects in question.

9.	<p>Link Governor Visits</p> <p>The theme of Life after Levels is to continue and the information will be distributed by October half term with a deadline date set of 24th November 2016.</p>	
10.	<p>Child Protection and Prevent Training</p> <p>Two links are to be sent to Governors in order that they can carry out the relevant training and advise the Clerk when completed.</p> <p>It was noted at this point in the meeting that the current Safeguarding Team are extremely capable in dealing with any issues within college. Governors were advised that from 1st September 2016 the Ofsted criteria states that staff are to know and understand the criteria relating to abuse. Currently staff are expected to know the procedure to follow. A set of 20 questions will be set up on Survey Monkey to support this. Governors will be expected to utilise this as well as staff.</p> <p>Any changes needed to the Single Central Register will be made.</p> <p>At this point of the meeting the Policy Review Cycle was issued to Governors and will be redistributed with the minutes.</p>	
11.	<p>Agree on WGBT for the Spring Term</p> <p>This item is to be added to the December FGB agenda for discussion following completion of the Skills Audit and training was discussed as in Item 4.</p>	
12.	<p>Plan for Year 6 intake open evening</p> <p>The banner outside school is in view and the event is also being advertised elsewhere. The open evening will take place on 6th October 2016 between 5.00 and 7.30 p.m. Governors are invited to attend.</p> <p>Governor Name Badges are to be available for all and the photographer is in college on October 5th 2016 for those Governors who wish to have their photograph taken. Governors were asked to advise the Director of Finance of their preference for this evening.</p> <p>Commercial Radio opportunities and Social Media opportunities were discussed by Governors with a view to promoting the college.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the current admission figures had moved from 665 to 670. 147 students have joined Year 7 which was confirmed as encouraging.</p>	
13.	<p>Excursions and Trip authority</p> <p>The HeadTeacher was given permission to authorise school excursions and trips. As part of the PCW agenda item all trips are listed in the school calendar. Nick Gilbert is the Educational Visits Co-Ordinator. Approval was sought and agreed from governors that the trip to Poland takes place on 12th October 2016. The relevant Risk Assessment was confirmed as having taken place.</p>	