

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Local Governing Board of Wolfreton  
In the Conference Room on Monday 15 May 2023 at 17:00**

**GOVERNORS PRESENT:**

Ms H Power (Chair, HP), Mr D Gath (DG), Miss S Kukuc (Headteacher, SK), Mr T Leech (TL), Mrs M Morgan (MM), Mr A Paffley (AP), Mr K Woodcock (KW)

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs R Appleyard (RA), Mr M Carruthers (for minutes 58-60, MC), Mrs L Craxton (Clerk, LC), Mrs L Warnett (for minutes 52-61, LW)

Throughout these minutes a question is indicated by Q followed by the initials of the questioner and a comment is marked by C.

**52 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

HP welcomed everyone to the meeting

**53 APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from A Bell, C Petrariu & A Richardson-Medd

**Resolved:** That consent be given to the above-named governors

**54 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

All governors have returned their completed pecuniary interest and data collection forms

**55 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS**

**30 January 2023**

**Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting on 30 January were declared a true record of the meeting and are to be signed by the Chair, HP

**27 March 2023**

**Resolved:** The minutes of the extraordinary meeting on 27 March were declared a true record of the meeting and are to be signed by the Chair, HP

## 56 MATTERS ARISING

**ACTION:** Actual figures to be captured in brackets in impact indicators for P1 & P2 of the ADP **Carried Forward**

**ACTION:** SK to show impact of lesson disruption reduction at the next meeting **Carried Forward**

**ACTION:** Arrow indicators to be added to ADP to show direction of travel for all priorities **Carried Forward**

**ACTION:** SH to complete 'Certificate in Safeguarding for School Governors' before the end of the Autumn term **SH has since resigned from the LGB**

**ACTION:** SH & CP to complete 'Certificate in the Role of a School Governor' before the end of the Autumn term **CP has completed the module**

## 57 HEADTEACHER REPORT

Enrichment events and educational visits have continued this term. These include, but are not limited to:

- 45 students (Y7-13) attended the inaugural Learner Conference in January at The University of Hull
- Spanish A Level students took a trip to the cinema to see a performance of Like Water for a Chocolate ballet
- PE faculty took 46 Year 8 & 9 students to the Etihad Stadium as part of the Premiership Experience
- All Year 10 students were invited to the Skills Humber Careers event
- Year 10 visited the Alhambra Theatre in Bradford to see live performance of An Inspector Calls

Upcoming key events:

- All of Years 8 & 9 will participate in team building led by the Army in June
- Planning is underway for Year 7 to visit Magna in July

Positive feedback has been received from parents' evenings despite the inevitable queues. Although some still prefer online, the overwhelming majority welcome the return of face-to-face

*C: (SK) We have focused on Priority Three of the SDP this term as we could not fulfil the enrichment offer previously due to the pandemic*

*C: (SK) It's important to note Year 10 showed exemplary behaviour on their theatre trip. Members of the public who feedback could not have been more complimentary*

*Q: (HP) It seems only small groups had the opportunities?*

*SK: the elective strand is small, the entitlement is different. All students have the opportunity to participate in something. We are also very aware of the current cost of living crisis, we can't do it all, all at once. The report doesn't show all entitlement. For instance, we've had Prison Me, No Way in school and Year 10 have visited the University of Hull*

*C: (RA) There will be study skills workshops for smaller Year 10 groups next term*

MC joined the meeting at 17:24



## 58 SPRING TERM ATTENDANCE & BEHAVIOUR REPORT

- Attendance (91.8%) is still lower than it should be but is above the national average (90.8%)
- New Attendance & Welfare Manager continues to build strong relationships with families. Since joining the school in February:
  - 61 home visits have been conducted, 4 of which resulted in the students returning to school
  - 9 penalties for term time holidays issued
  - Meetings with the EWO (Education Welfare Officer) now take place on a monthly basis
  - PA has reduced by 2.2%
- 2 Permanent Exclusions
- A total of 283.5 days lost to FTEs
- Year 7 continue to be settled
- Year 8 most challenging but improvements are now being seen
- Managed Moves, SMASH, Tigers Trust & the Trust Mental Health Support Worker all continue to support
- 36 students across Years 7-10 have accessed Think for the Future
- The Wellbeing Lab (Marlowe) has started to work with students

*C:(HP) It's difficult to match up the attendance report with the SDP, the success criteria differs  
SK: I will feed back regarding alignment at the next Headteacher Board as the Trust Director of Governance will be joining us*

*Q: (DG) In the behaviour section, could we have the total number of students as well as days lost?*

*SK: Yes and I will send out the current figures to the LGB for this report*

*C: (SK) Think for the Future are working well with a small group of Year 8 who are proving a challenge*

*Q: (TL) Will the new pastoral Manager in Year 8 move up with them?*

*SK: At this stage they are on a fixed-term contract funded through Pupil Premium. It's possible for them to move up but will need to see how things pan out*

*Q: (KW) Is behaviour a national challenge?*

*SK: It's not in every school but it is widespread*

*Q: (AP) AP (Alternative Provision) resources just aren't there, there are no places locally. Are there any plans to develop a school or Trust AP?*

*SK: The LA are moving in the direction of all schools having in-house facilities. Rushanje House was used as a behavioural facility pre-pandemic and we are exploring putting that facility back in. The Hub School, our only provider at the moment, are also using a site at Welton due to demand*

*Q: (MM) Is there an opportunity to do more trauma informed provision?*

*SK: We would need to look into staffing and logistics*

*Q: (MM) Are you seeing any themes?*

*SK: Persistent disruptive behaviour. Verbal abuse (swearing) against staff is a close second*

*C: (AP) It's important to note PA is not just behavioural. Some students who have had a lot of time off need time to reintegrate, it's a scary prospect for them, coming back into school*

**ACTION: SK to speak with L Thompson at HT Board regarding aligning the reporting with the SDP**

**ACTION: SK to add student numbers to 'days lost' going forward and send out current figures to the LGB**

## **59 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Progress continues to be made with more actions turning 'green' in P1 & P2. The colours scheme in P3 has been paused for the time being to allow for more support of staff and students in Year 8

*Q: (KW) Are the dates stated when you want it to start or when it is hoped to be or has been completed?*

*SK: When we wanted to start. The pausing of the colours scheme has had a knock-on effect but we have held celebration evenings. Once we are secure in other areas we will be able to relook at the colours scheme and bring everything together*

## **60 SAFEGUARDING REPORT**

- Currently 0 children in a Category of Concern
- 10 Children in Need
- 10 students currently LAC
- Year 7 seeing the highest volume of SEN
- 20 Operation Encompass alerts received so far this academic year
- Mental Health remains a concern

*C: (MC) EHE (Elective Home Education) is still on the rise. We can attribute it to dysregulation, desocialisation and mental health*

*C: (MM) There is usually spike in the summer holidays with abuse. We (Police) have the materials ready and would be happy to share with Wolfreton*

*Q: (AP) Talking about awareness of mental health, is the trend continuing or is it starting to plateau?*

*MC: It's continuing and we are keen to keep sending out the message that having low days and good days is normal. It really is Ok not to be OK*

MC left the meeting at 18:09

## **61 PUPIL DISADVANTAGE – PROGRESS OF PP STRATEGY**

Impact data has been added where possible

- Subject Recovery Sessions showing improvements across the board
- 15 students accessing 1:1 with My Tutor
- 2/23 regular users of Reading Plus have made sufficient progress and no longer need the programme
- 153 students supported by Yipiyap
- Impact from Tassomai Science supported unknown at the time of the meeting
- 28 students accessing Mable online for speech therapy and counselling
- Large uptake on breakfast provision
- Next steps include:
  - Targeted Walkthrus
  - Exploration of dual coding as a tool for learning
  - Consistent implementation of lesson reviews

C: (HP) I am amazed at the range of interventions, it's very impressive

C: (SK) Lauren (Warnett) is very good at looking at the needs of individuals and feeding back to staff

C: (LW) All PP students are offered Maths and English support with My Tutor

Q: (DG) What provision is there for the 2<sup>nd</sup> bucket? They all seem to aimed at just the one?

LW: There are interventions in place for all subjects and we have recruited 23 6<sup>th</sup> Formers to deliver

C: (AP) The students really engage well in these interventions, they appreciate the support

LW left the meeting at 18:16

## 62 ALTERNATIVE PROVISION

There are currently 5 students accessing AP. Varying degrees of improvement have been seen

- Safeguarding of the students in AP remains a top priority
- Risk assessments have been conducted
- All APs used are registered providers
- Regular visits by AHT are made to AP

## 63 GOVERNANCE UPDATES

### 63.1 Link Visits

2 visits have taken place:

#### **TL conducted a SEND visit on 27 February 2023**

TL raised his concern that the SENDCo is not a part of SLT. SK assured that the SENDCO is line-managed by RA and does attend some SLT meetings when necessary

TL also noted all staff should ideally undergo mandatory SEND training and the profile of EHCPs needs to be raised school wide

TL left the meeting at 18:31

#### **HP conducted an SCR spot check visit with Martyn Carruthers on 09 March 2023**

Lots of positives have been seen since the previous visit in September 2022

Thorough checks were carried out on arrival and a H&S/Safeguarding leaflet was provided by reception staff

No major concerns were raised and HP commended the students for their behaviour during the recent Tik Tok 'strike' craze

### 63.2 Governor Training

All governors have completed 'Certificate in Safeguarding for School Governors' and 'The Role of a School Governor' on The National College

## 64 RISK REGISTER

The biggest risk remains failure to recruit although the current recruitment drive is moving at pace

## 65 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**THURSDAY** 20 July 2023, 17:00. Pre-meet at 16:30

## 66 AOB

### 66.1 Traffic Concerns (KW)

KW noted the chaotic traffic coupled with large pupil numbers when school ends for the day. Students walk in the road with little concern for oncoming traffic and asked if the Parish Council could be involved in trying to solve the problem. SK noted congestion will always arise at drop-off and collection times and communications are sent regularly to parents and students asking them to be mindful of the situation

### 66.2 EYMS Bus Service (MM)

MM stated EYMS have changed the bus timetable for Anlaby High Road once more and students have to either get to school prior to the gates opening or arrive late  
SK assured the students arriving on the 07:50 bus at Willerby Square would be able to access the school at 08:00 given the time it would take to walk. RA is in constant contact with EYMS and will address these concerns with them. Driver shortages have been attributed to the changes

SK stated a dedicated school bus was not in the budget at this time but that the matter would be raised with M Cooper, TCAT Director of Finance

**ACTION: SK to liaise with M Cooper regarding a dedicated school bus for WS in the future**

### 66.3 Uniform policy (SK)

MM & SK have met to discuss the current Uniform Policy. All suggestions will be taken into account when formally reviewed next year

## 67 ACTION POINTS

**67a ACTION:** Actual figures to be captured in brackets in impact indicators for P1 & P2 of the ADP (**minute 56**)

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**67d ACTION:** SK to speak with L Thompson at HT Board regarding aligning the reporting with the SDP (**minute 58**)

**67e ACTION:** SK to add student numbers to 'days lost' going forward and send out current figures to the LGB (**minute 58**)

**67f ACTION:** SK to liaise with M Cooper regarding a dedicated school bus for WS in the future (**minute 66.2**)

Part A closed at 18:52 and RA & AP left the meeting