

**Minutes of the Summer Term Meeting of the
Curriculum Standards and Pupil Welfare Committee**

At Ashley Junior School

On Wednesday 14th October 2015 at 7.00pm

Present: James Rand (JR); Liz Ward (EW); Isabelle Pennycook (IP); Norman Bullen (NB); Melissa Kilbey (MK); James Hutson (JH);

In Attendance: Ian Rix (IR) (ex officio); Lorraine Henville (LH) (Associate Member),

Absent: Fiona Wood (FW)(Chair); Natasha Fisk (NF); Amanda Edgson (AE); Paul Cousins (PC)

The meeting began at 7.00pm

<p>1. <u>Apologies and declaration of conflict of interests:</u></p> <p>Governors accepted apologies from FW; NF; AE; PC</p> <p>MK declared as a director of Gap Club.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Actions to be taken</p>
<p>2. Matters arising from minutes of 29/04/15 The Governor visits file is to be kept in the Office</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">EW to request from Sally</p>
<p>3. Review of terms of Reference for CSPW All members of the Committee requested to look at this on the School website and inform JR if they have any amendments.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">All members of the Committee by 21/10/15</p>
<p>4. Policies to review</p> <p>a. Child Protection Policy was agreed</p> <p>b. Child Protection Report was presented by LH, who informed the Committee that last year 17 children were identified as vulnerable and the number this year is 57. Is the increase because we are becoming better at identifying vulnerable children? There is funding in place to support some of these children, which may be used to buy in expertise. Children who are on PP is 34% of the school population, 28% of those being vulnerable and who are receiving support. NF (Safeguarding Governor) is to complete appropriate training.</p> <p>c. Equality Policy has been updated, the School uses a model policy from Hampshire, with appropriate amendments. The gap between</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NF LH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IP</p>

<p>attainment of PP/non-PP pupils is a priority and the School aims to address this through focussed teaching. The discrepancy between these groups and attendance also needs to be addressed.</p> <p>d. Written Feedback Policy was agreed</p> <p>e. SEN Policy was agreed. JR suggested that some policies could be less detailed but the School generally uses Hampshire policies, adapted to Ashley so the detail was inherent.</p> <p>f. Nurture Group Policy was accepted, with the understanding that the phrase 'up to 12 children' is contentious but the group is continually monitored.</p>	<p>EW</p>
<p>5. Safeguarding LH has shared Safeguarding Audit with NF. The School is actively reviewing Prevent Duty and IR/LH have completed relevant training. IR/EW are to attend conference on this next month.</p> <p>6. Standards a. SAT's results have been shared previously. In the new Curriculum 2 years out of 3 have to demonstrate good progress. It was felt that the School is moving in the right direction but it was recognised that the %age of pupils in the Resource provision affects results. PP results were not so good and RAISE compares PP to non-PP results. RAISE data and summary will be distributed. With the new Curriculum it was said that 85% should reach 'age related' expectations but this is now set at 65%. A question was raised about how the School is coping with the removal of Levels and the Committee was informed that to some extent schools are in the dark as to how pupils were to be assessed in 2016. In order to improve attainment Staff are identifying gaps in pupils' knowledge through diagnostic assessment. A question was asked whether My Maths is still meeting needs but it was stated that it is about practice and consolidation. There is not a literacy equivalent. Staff are coming to terms with the concept of Mastery (encouraging depth of learning) and there will be open evenings next term for Parents on each subject. Staff are undertaking research projects (e.g. teaching multiplication to high attainers) and they feed this back to all Staff. A question was raised about Fischer Family Trust and at the moment the website was inaccessible.</p> <p>7. Transition for Year 2 There were 16 responses from the Year 3 questionnaires, which were positive. It was felt</p>	<p>IR/EW</p> <p>IR</p>

that better organisation on day 1 would help as would induction for Parents on how a day operates. It was also suggested that Parents could be invited to the School after a couple of weeks to discuss integration.

8. Attendance and Inclusion Data

Attendance is just below 95%, despite robust measures being in place. Some fixed penalty notices have been issued for holidays. There has been no persistent lateness and no exclusions since November 2014.

9. Governor Visits

IP has been in to look at SEN provision.

10. Governor Training

SEN Conference

Governor Induction

IP
MK

11. School Development Plan (SDP)

In Year 4 50% are expected to attain to age related expectations. In other year groups it is about 25%. IR said that may be due to Staff under-assessing and this is to be explored. The issue may have arisen as Staff learn to recognise what it means to meet an objective in the new Curriculum.

IR/LH

12. AJS Educational Visits

It was agreed that these should come to the FGB.

13. AOB

MK has reviewed the Behaviour/Exclusion Policy. There was a question on provision for Gifted/Talented pupils and IR said that all pupils have elements of being G&T and the aim is to encourage all pupils to develop their skills and to monitor Pupils to ensure all make good progress.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

- Evaluation:**
- 1.How have we acted strategically?**
 - 2.How have we challenged and supported?**
 - 3.How have we held the school to account?**
 - 4.How have we benefited the children?**

The next meeting of the committee will be 13th January 2016 at 7.00pm

Signature of Chair of Committee

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