

**Curriculum and Standards Committee**  
**26<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

**Committee**

Liz Court  
Juliyah Brown  
Elaine Hurley  
Kay Vanner  
Philomena Moore (Apologies)  
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**Matters arising from previous meeting**

**LSEF Project Update** – Kay told us that this Maths Project is in its final year of a two year study. Initially this was intended to consist of a cluster of Primary Schools and an allocated High School. However, the project has suffered from Barnet Authority disintegration, and no High School was willing to take part. Work in school has been successful and informative. There will be a final report to show data.

Craig reported that the BPSI morning course held at school on June 16<sup>th</sup> to promote British values and SMSC in addition to the PHSE and RE curriculum was well received by senior staff from other schools.

**Curriculum Planning**

- Arts Award – Caitlin reminded us that this is part of the curriculum which allows every pupil to explore and experience the Arts in many ways, either as participants, audience members or researchers. The studies are not prescriptive, but should aim to flow across the curriculum. We now have a Partnership with the Unicorn Theatre. Children attend performances and take part in workshop events in school led by Unicorn staff. Teachers have attended workshops at the Theatre – Caitlin and Kay have their participation displayed on posters in the Theatre! There will be an artist 'in situ' from September. Ofsted was impressed with the proposed work.
- The Travel Plan – Jackie Veloti has produced a detailed account of work being done to achieve a bronze award and possibly silver and gold.
- DT Scheme – Olivia gave detailed and very informative information. She said children are making good progress so far and have started 'coding' and creating progress. She showed us some very detailed and informative resources which would have real value to each Year Group. She will continue to order resources to promote good practice and will look into software and computer based work.
- Science – Katherine Gignac. Katherine explained that there are changes in science. There will be 'Sampling Tests' in 2016. There will be three papers to test – ability to understand, analyse and report. There will have to be evidence of 'hands-on' experience, planning, constantly asking questions and presenting and evaluating evidence. We have involvement with London Wildlife Trust to explore habitats and natural environments in the local area. Some Yr.6 children explored the 'Bombed Railway' site and enjoyed discovering habitats and the creatures living there.

- Computing – Dan Guest. Dan said the aim is to consolidate what we are doing. There are resources available for all classes. There are blocks of Chromebooks. Google ‘Real Smart’ is a much better resource for children and they are motivated to ‘use and learn’. A great deal of work has been aimed at improving the quality of work so that basic skills are improved and that the use of technology supports all aspects of work in school.
  - Maths – Kay Vanner. The new Maths National Curriculum is being put in place. There are Teacher Guides for each Year Group. There is continual assessment of strategies to monitor children’s progress. IN some areas expectations are not high enough. Numicon should help to improve understanding. There are programs on line to help with New Curriculum.
4. Policy Updates – These are in progress.
  5. SEN Provision – Sarah Cullen. Sarah says there are many children who need extra support. We need a second Speech and Language Therapist. The ‘Lemon Jelly Group’ is very popular across the age-ranges and provides fun activities to aid confidence and understanding. There are many strategies in place to support the children.
  6. Quality of Teaching – Mark Russell. (Mark was unable to report and Governors will be given information at the full Governors’ Meeting).
  7. School Development Plan – Craig told us that this is on-going and we will have more information in due course.

### **AOB**

There will be an exciting change to School Journey in 2016. The children will be staying in a tented camp in Hertfordshire. There will be many fun and challenging activities. The visit will be less expensive.

Open School – Parents will be able to visit classes, see displays and performances on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Awards**

Congratulations to all staff and children for the Music Award:- Being the Best Music Department in the country – Winning an award for the Rock Challenge Short Film. The Music Department has been nominated for the Education Business Award.

Woodcroft is indeed becoming famous!

**Liz Court**