



MEETING OF THE FULL GOVERNING BODY

Monday 19th May 2025, 19:00 hours.

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| <p>Present: Toby Houghton (TDH) Head Teacher; Rowena Chalk (RC) Chair; Brenda Brown (BB); Nicky Wastie (NW); Carol MacTaggart (CM); Sarah Wild (SW); John Parry (JP); James Horsman (JH).</p> <p>In Attendance: Laura Gyngell (LCG)</p> <p>Minutes: Donna Murdoch (DM) Clerk to Governors.</p> | |
| 1. | <p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Vicky Cobb & Richard Carter</p> |
| 2. | <p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None</p> |
| 3. | <p>SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM PRESENTATION</p> <p>(LGS) gave a presentation on 'Reporting' focusing on disadvantaged students. They are implementing an impact statement focusing on what they want to achieve within each faculty, an action statement and looking at what is successful.</p> <p>The disadvantaged leads had a meeting where they shared good practice and ideas. A vulnerability index has been created which highlights the reasons that students are disadvantaged.</p> <p>(LGS) spoke of the "Everyone achieves" programme where they focus on the student's disadvantages and support them in subjects such as English and maths to help them achieve better grades. Oathall is teamed with Durrington High School, Worthing High School and St Wilfred's School focusing on their action statement looking at the strengths and the barriers to learning, creating individual action plans and establishing mentors for those students.</p> <p>They have created a different pathway for next year focusing on students going into their GCSE's where they don't take a 4th option to enable them to do extra English and maths and support them through their GCSE's. Parents are supporting this.</p> <p>Oathall has signed up to the Scholars Programme to help raise aspirations of disadvantaged students to support them going to university. Years 7 & 8 are currently taking part in this and on the 4th July, they will attend Goldsmith's in London for a graduation. Oathall wants to ensure that disadvantaged students have the same aspirations as everyone else and to change their mind-set so that they can achieve and go to university like their peers.</p> <p>(LGS) spoke about the "Dream Big" project where they encourage students to know that there are no boundaries in what they can achieve in life. The student's responses of what they aspire to be are put in categories and staff are asked to look at where they can support these students in that particular career path. The careers team invite professional people in to talk to the students about that particular career.</p> |

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| 4. | <p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 28th APRIL 2025</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 28th April 2025 were approved and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5. | <p>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS</p> <p>None</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6. | <p>URGENT MATTERS</p> <p>None</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7. | <p>BUSINESS/FINANCE REPORTS</p> <p>School fund independent examination</p> <p>The independent examiners report for the school fund accounts 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 has been received. It confirms that no concerns were found in their examination of these accounts.</p> <p>The finance Committee convened prior to the meeting to approve the end of year budget report.</p> <p>2025-2026 Summary of accounts</p> <p>WSCC has provided the closing documents for 2025-2026 financial year for the school and confirmed the summary of our accounts. The details are as follows:</p> <p>Summary of accounts 2024-2025</p> <table> <tr> <td>Budget allocation</td> <td>£ 7,944,408.98</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenditure</td> <td>£ 7,642,388.34</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance (to carry forward)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>DFCG (Capital)</td> <td>£-29,010.72</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Revenue</td> <td>£331,031.36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£302,020.64</td> </tr> </table> | Budget allocation | £ 7,944,408.98 | Expenditure | £ 7,642,388.34 | Balance (to carry forward) | | DFCG (Capital) | £-29,010.72 | Revenue | £331,031.36 | Total | £302,020.64 |
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| | <p>CHAIRS REPORT</p> <p>(RC) Reminded the governors that there will be a ‘governor’s day’ on 10th June at Oathall which everyone is expected to attend.</p> <p>(RC) spoke about the West Sussex Governors Association that now only has five members and without support this will be disbanded. She encouraged governors to participate in any future networking sessions and training.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8. | <p>HEAD TEACHERS REPORT</p> <p>(TDH) reported that the GCSE exams have started and there is positive feedback from the students and staff, with no issues. We would like to thank the exam team & invigilators who are doing excellent work in ensuring the exams run smoothly.</p> <p>Staffing</p> <p>A new Head of English teacher has been recruited.</p> <p>They have received a resignation from a design & technology teacher but have two candidates’ being interviewed this week for that post.</p> <p>Assistant Headteacher interviews also take place this week. This post will be for inclusion and SEND provision.</p> <p>Three deputies from the Federation schools attended Oathall to conduct a peer to peer review visiting lessons, speaking to staff and students. They have provided positive feedback and also suggested areas of improvement.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10. | <p>SAFEGUARDING</p> <p>No reports for this month.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11. | <p>DISADVANTAGED & PUPIL PREMIUM STUDENTS</p> <p>No reports for this month.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 12. | POLICIES & PROCEDURES REVIEW No policies for review. |
| 13. | GOVERNOR VISITS/STRAND REPORTS No reports for this month. |
| 14. | ANY OTHER BUSINESS The governors commented that the art, 3D design and photography exhibition was excellent and thanked staff and students involved. |
| 15. | DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING <i>Monday 16th June at 1900 hours.</i> |