



The Brakenhale School



Minutes of the Full Governing Body Meeting Held on Monday 25th January 2010 at 6:30pm in Conference Room 3

Present: Andrew Young (Ch) Mike Beadsley (VCh) Antoinette Ackuaku Simon Davies
Jane Watkins Pam Dorey Paul Salter Miriam Harvey
Audrey Hobbs Jacky Lamb Jo Manisier Mark Ridgway
David Smith Andrew Jackson Inbal Smali-Maurel

Clerk: Stefanie Cooper

Apologies: Iain McCracken Adeniyi Ibrionke

Absences: Dale Birch

ITEM	ACTION/DECISION	BY WHOM	DATE
1	Absences and Apologies Apologies were received from two governors. One governor was absent.		
2	Declaration of AOB AOB was expressed by MR, PD and SPD.		
3	Declaration of Business Interests Based on the Agenda None recorded.		
4	Minutes of the meeting 02.11.09 The minutes were signed off as an accurate record of the meeting (except Part II).		
5	<p>Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum & School Improvement (MB) The Heads of Department for Maths and English were invited to the meeting to explain to the committee's satisfaction what went wrong with the exam results last year and how they would ensure the same would not happen again this year. The 1st cohort of students to take their Maths GCSE early (November 2009) all received grades A-C. A 2nd cohort took their Maths GCSE early in January 2010 and the results will be available in March. AY stated that this now allows those who are weaker in English extra time to develop their knowledge. DRS stated that their timetable has already been adapted and offers them an extra 8 lessons a fortnight, totalling 16 lessons of English a fortnight. <p>The new Vice Chair of Curriculum & School Improvement is Mark Ridgway following Jacqui Day's resignation.</p> <p>There will be Child Protection Training for all Governors before the FGB meeting on the 19th of April 2010. The meeting will start 45 minutes early at 17:45.</p> Facilities (PD) It was proposed to extend the contracts for Wilson-Jones (Catering) and Braybourne (Cleaning). Lettings have increased from two last year to twelve this year. 	All governors	19 th April 2010



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff & Student Welfare (AY) AY stated that both attendance and exclusions are better than previous years • Finance & Policy (AY) The previous Chair was asked in his absence whether he wished to remain at Chair of F&P. The Chair accepted. The school budget is tight but on course, monies are expected from the National Challenge Fund. There are no vacancies within the school as of today. 		
<p>6</p>	<p>Headteacher's Report Snow days impacted on attendance, the Local Authority Target is 92.1%. The figures are expected to recover in the Spring Term. All logs show behaviour has improved although additional admissions impact on exclusions.</p> <p>AY asked PMS to what does he attribute the low numbers of exclusions. PMS stated that he attributes the low number of exclusions to staffing provisions, introducing assistant Heads of Year, introducing a Family Support Worker and the stability in the staffing structure. AY thanked all those involved on behalf of the Governing Body.</p> <p>The Teaching & Learning group delivered high quality training to colleagues during the previous term. More training is scheduled for February and March.</p> <p>Brakenhale entered the Faraday Challenge and came first, at the time that put Brakenhale 3rd in the country.</p> <p>Presentation Evening has been rescheduled due to the poor weather. Invitations will be sent to Governors.</p> <p>The snow fall caused the site to be closed due to there being no internal walk ways around the school. The narrowness of the building does not allow for internal movement. Andi Boulwood is searching for commercial solutions to prevent the site being impassable. MR asked about the cost of commercial solutions. PMS stated that the cost would be several thousand. MR suggested that snow throwers would be a worthwhile investment. PMS stated that the site team are researching technology that they can use themselves. The Local Authority was stretched to capacity attempting to clear the roads. AY asked the general view of parents to the school being closed. PMS stated that parents were pleased with communication. There were a few complaints regarding the school opening and closing.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>RAP monitoring & progress The RAP (Raising Attainment Plan) replaces the SIP (School Improvement Plan). More detailed summaries are presented to Staff & Student Welfare and Finance & Policy. There are 5 assessment points through out the school year, the Local Authority have verified the school's quality of assessment.</p>		



	<p>DRS stated that they have surveyed all Year 11s on the Study Support program which has been put in place. The students wanted core subjects to each have their own evening revision. This has been implemented.</p> <p>PMS stated that at each assessment point, a member of SLT (Senior Leadership Team) meets with core subject leaders.</p> <p>Full RAP copied to Governors with action points before next round of meetings.</p> <p>MR asked if, in time for the next FGB (Full Governing Body) meeting, the school will have a strong indication of the results for this years GCSE students.</p> <p>PMS stated that the school are already analysing the results from the mock examinations.</p>	PMS	ASAP
8	<p>Discussion of AOB</p> <p>MR attended the Link Governors meeting. The Governor conference is now full, it had 90 places for 500 governors. It is hoped more places will be offered next year.</p> <p>AY asked governors to attend training as refresher courses even if they were attended in the past.</p> <p>PD attended a course entitled 'Education of Looked After Children'. The statistics for Looked After Children will be reported at Staff & Student Welfare by PMS & JJM.</p> <p>Inbal Smali-Maurel arrived at the meeting at 19:35</p> <p>DRS stated that work scrutinies for year 11 students are currently focusing on Looked After Children, EAL (English as Another Language) students, students with statements, SAP (School Action Plus) and SA (School Action), and FSM (Free School Meals).</p> <p>The school's FSM numbers are currently at 12%, the numbers had fallen to 10%. Above 10% triggers additional funding for the school.</p> <p>AA asked if there had been a recessional impact on the number of FSM.</p> <p>AY stated that the area of Bracknell is quite affluent with pockets of deprivation.</p> <p>PMS stated that a Post 16 student from the school has been offered a place at Trinity College, Cambridge.</p> <p>SPD stated that he has stepped down as a Teaching Staff Governor on The Brakenhale School Governing Body. He will continue to attend the same committee meetings as a member of SLT. He thanked the Governing Body for the opportunity he has been given.</p>	PMS & JJM	S&SW
9	<p>Items for next agenda</p> <p>Link Governor Report.</p>		

Meeting closed at: 19:45