



MINUTES OF THE LGB CATMOSE COLLEGE MEETING

Thursday 16 May 2024, 4pm
John Clare

Present

Andrew Cross, Rosemary Dodson, Jane Evans, Thomas Heath, Andrew Holt (Chair), Gary Marsh, Alex Mould, Clive Norgaard Morton, Martyn Rhowbotham, Briege Slattery, Stuart Williams (Principal).

In Attendance

Claire Pugh (Vice Principal), Chris Wilson (Chief Finance Officer), Sheryl Wilson (Governance Professional).

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies for absence

Andrew Holt welcomed everyone to the meeting. Rosemary Dodson was welcomed to her first meeting following her appointment to the local governing body and apologies for absence were received and accepted from Emma Gautrey. An application from Peter Onslow to join the local governing body (LGB) had been discussed with trustees and they had agreed to appoint him to the LGB following the necessary checks.

2. Declarations of Personal Interest and Pecuniary Interest

There were none declared.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21 March 2024

These were signed as a true and accurate record.

4. Matters arising from previous minutes

There were no matters arising.

5. Principal's Update

Following the Ofsted visit on 27 and 27 March, the report had been published: reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/23/136530 The school was judged outstanding in all areas with no areas for improvement, which is a phenomenal achievement. Governors and trustees were thanked by Stuart Williams for their support and the challenge which they give school leaders, they also value staff and prioritise their wellbeing.

Stuart Williams updated governors on last term's events at the College, which have included; the Spring Concert, the staff step challenge with the site team winning the trophy, the battle of the bands, residential trips to Cambridge and Lincoln and the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh's visit to Oakham Castle where students taking part in the DofE Award were invited to attend, along with cadets. Year 11 students had been treated to an afternoon of tea and cake prior to their exams starting and a professional photographer had been into College to take photographs of students in their new style blazers.

Admissions

On national offer day 240 offers were made for Year 7 students starting in September 2024 and there are 68 children on the waiting list. There have also been 59 in-year applications with 26 students being offered a place.

Stuart Williams also highlighted the number of complaints the College is currently dealing with, which do not come without time and cost implications.

6. Update from Resources

The Trust is projecting an £85,000 deficit, which is a worst-case scenario as some budgets have not been fully utilised.

The decision of the local authority to close the Catmose Sports Centre is an area which trustees are currently discussing.

The 3-year forecast is still at an early stage. There has been an increase in teachers' pensions, however, a grant is expected to cover these costs.

7. Scorecards

Attendance

The current attendance figure stands at 93%, which is above the national figure and overall, the College is in the top 20-30% of schools in the country. The attendance team spend a lot of time supporting students and their families to improve their attendance.

Behaviour

Comments in the Ofsted report state that behaviour in the College is exemplary and bullying is not tolerated. There will be a scrutiny panel on behaviour.

Safeguarding

The safeguarding scorecard was shared with governors along with numbers of referrals for child in need and early help. The College is currently advertising for a Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Teaching

Overall, teaching observations are resulting in mostly effective, with a lot of exemplary practice. The Power BI model was shared with governors and it was demonstrated how this could be filtered to obtain the necessary results, for example, by subject area or year groups.

8. Policies

The Examinations Policy was ratified by governors. The addition to the policy was the cyber-attack appendix.

9. A.O.B.

Scrutiny Panel – Thursday 13 June, 10.30am Topic Behaviour

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 16 June 2024, 10.30am Scrutiny Panel on behaviour

Thursday 4 July 2024, 5pm LGB CC