



Abbey School Local Governing Body Leadership & Management Tuesday 21st March 2017 at 13:00 Abbey School

ACTION POINTS SUMMARY SHEET

	Actions			By & Target Date	
18.2 29/11/16	Training room may also be used for students so LW will look into the costs to invest in a Pod, as this generates income.			LW 02/05/17	
	Governors were asked to pass on any ideas or contacts for companies or organisations that may be able to offer work experience/coaching. LW to draft a letter for WC to send to Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the Trust. 10/1/17 still on-going letter to go out				
	Governor questions & challenges	Response	Further action(s)		
19.1 (3) 29/11/16	SB - Can I mention the Young Enterprise, which is a charity that engages people in setting up companies and also this charity train and engages with business people before bringing them into school. They offer training opportunities so that pupils can experience the world of work before going out into the world. It also gives links to organisations.				
	LW working with Kelford H	HT reporting for RPI and will repo	ort back on		
19.1 (4) 29/11/16	progress at next meeting. 21/03 – no updated re	A port. The initial report was b rmation – carry forward to th	orief and	WC 02/05/17	



We use in special schools Team Teach – 5% physical intervention and 95% verbal. De-escalate incidents through talk but where that isn't effective there is a Personal handling program (PHP) available for each child.

The standards committee looked at all reports across the school and there was variances in each school so we needed to look at that to see if that was appropriate or did we need to do something different.

Governor questions & challenges	Response	Further action(s)
AJ - Are all staff aware of how to use Team teach	Yes, 2 days training is provided and then update every 2 year	
AJ – any time a child is involved in that 5% is there a record made	Yes – a report is completed and the information is recorded in CPOMS	
AJ – how often is this used	Everyday	
SB - CPOMS - Child Protection Online Monitoring System		

IB to circulate new email address information once set up. 10/1/17 All Abbey staff are migrating to nexusmat.org email accounts, including governors. Accounts can be accessed via Outlook & so able to access on most tablets & phones. Shared document points being created so future papers can be distributed in this way rather than emailed

21/03 — on the website we have a password protected area for the LGB and as of this month we have started to upload documents to the LGB Share Point. You have to access via your Nexus account.

19.4 29/11/16

Governor questions & challenges	Response	Further action(s)
TJ- is that going to be replicated throughout the other LGB's	This is something we want to promote – there is an interest there	
SB – will all LGBS be able to talk to each other	Each LGB will have their own but we could have a global area and share information of best practice	
WC - in terms of individual schools are all governors set up with access to that I need it reiterate that some governors may need help to use the IT system	We could do a 15 minute slot at the next LGB to go through it but I can also offer support via email or telephone or you can come into school	

IB 02/05/17



19.4 29/11/16	After April the current internet provision is due to cease. We are looking to have a new robust system with faster internet and at the moment we are going through the tendering process. From July 31st all schools will be on one network The board has approved this in principal. The next meeting we will have the name of the new company	IB 02/05/17
20.3 29/11/16	WC is looking at a smoking policy for all three schools and will feedback at the next meeting. 10/1/17 New policy adopted by TBoD Discussion on smoking breaks and locations of smoking breaks took place. Schools are no smoking sites. Directors did not endorse the provision of smoking areas on school sites/premises. SLT to undertake work on reissuing guidance on smoking breaks. 21/03 - Completed	Completed
31.1 7/2/17	Telephone MS to establish if he can continue to commit to Abbey LGB 21/03 Clare Southall to contact MS	CS 02/05/17
32.2 7/2/17	Schedule dates for next year's LGB meetings	WC Summer Term
35.3 7/2/17	The last wellbeing report referred to a graph which tells us on a monthly basis and then going back 2 years how many pupils have been off but the information wasn't transparent. We will be changing from the graph to more granular information.	IB 02/05/17
35.3 7/2/17	Bar charts to be included in future Wellbeing reports	LW 02/05/17
35.3 7/2/17	Data analysis regarding Behaviour	CJ/IB 02/05/17
35.3 7/2/17	Add pupil numbers in future Wellbeing reports	LW 02/05/17
35.7 7/2/17	Organise a summer workshop for work placements 21/03 carry forward to the Wellbeing agenda	LW/JMcI 02/05/17
36.2 7/2/17	Quality impact assessments for policies 21/03 on agenda – work ongoing	WC/Clerks on-going
42.2 21/3/17	Add initials in minutes when comments are made or questions asked	Clerks Completed
43.1 21/3/17	Review training and support packages available	LW summer term
43.1 21/3/17	Consultation with parents regarding the use of mobile phones by pupils in school	LW Summer term
43.1 21/3/17	Arrange half hour Safeguarding training session following an LGB meeting	LW Summer Term
43.1 21/3/17	Add Link Governor roles to next agenda	Clerk 2/5/17 Completed
43.3 21/3/17	Develop a Strategy for schools looking at Apprenticeships	TB On-going



43.8	Agreed for JMcI to be link governor for finance. JMcI will work with Tracey Brooke to review the budget setting and provide scrutiny of the process on behalf of the LGB.	JMcI/TB
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Attendees:		
Steve Booth	Acting Chair Abbey School LGB	JI
Luci Windle	Executive Head Teacher	LW
Warren Carratt	CEO Nexus MAT	WC
Liz Shimwell	Teacher Governor	LS
Ian Burns	Support Staff Governor	IB
Cara Jones	Parent Governor	CJ
Jim McIntosh	Governor	JM
Tracey Brooke	Chief Finance Officer	TB
Alan Jones	Governor	AJ
Deborah Berry	Parent Governor	DB
Daniel Buckley	Governor	DB
Also Present:		
Diane Hyner	Clerk to Nexus MAT	DH
Karen Blakemore	School Business Manager	KB
Apologies:		
John Irwin	Chair of Abbey School LGB	JI



39.	APOLOGIES FOR A	SENCE		Actions	
39.1	To accept apologies for absence • Apologies from JI				
39.2	To receive, but not accept apologies for absence Apologies accepted				
	MS did not submit any apologies to the meeting.				
40.	ITEMS OF URGENT	BUSINESS			
	 Chair to determine any items of urgent business to be considered scussed with at this point John Irwin previous Chair has announced that he will be resigning and stepping down at Easter. Unfortunately JI is unable to attend the LGB meeting today. LGB chairs are also Directors and to keep in line with other schools Steve Booth has been asked to step in to cover JI until the end of the school year This will be taken to the Board for approval SB has been the chair at Hilltop School LGB for a year and prior to that was a governor at Kelford School SB is also a Director on the Trust Board and sits on the Finance and Audit Committee scussed at point 44.1 on the agenda Head Teacher ISR Recruitment exercise of ICT Update Post 16 provision - Abbey 				
41.	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS				
41.1	41.1 Individual Governors to declare any personal, business or other governance interests on any item on the agenda				
42.	42. ABBEY LOCAL GOVERNING BODY MINUTES				
42.1 • 42.2	Abbey Local Governing Body meeting held on 7 th February 2017				
Go	Governor questions & Response Further action(s)				
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CJ - When there is a governor challenge or question — can we have initials identifying who asked the question? This is to show Ofsted that we are active in the meetings and can be used as evidence	That could be done from today	Clerk On-going	
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43. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

43.1 Headteacher Termly Report

- There is consistency with numbers but there has been a movement with our Roma cohort of children as some moved out.
- LAC increased 7 on roll this is a reflection of how the school has evolved and have an holistic approach to the care of the LAC in school.
- 2 maternity leave one to return until June and one Sept.
- We have a good structure for TA progression like for like Pennine View
- Staff development consistent no concerns. We have a TA on supply and we have an NOT
- LW is still providing support at Pennine View and the cost has been budgeted for
- We are receiving support from Castlehill School as part of the package from RMBC but this is not proving to be beneficial.
- We use Pivots as an assessment tool
- Appraisals majority of staff are meeting the targets
- New carpets have been fitted in some areas of the school and building works completed
- Developments outside which will be completed for September an undercover shelter so the little ones can play out
- There will be a patio door so there will be access to the outside
- Wider leadership we are working with Learners First delivering training. You
 have to be interviewed and have to do 5 day per year. Out school gets £500
 back plus £100 for preparation we deliver in the NPQ and tutor for middle
 leaders
- Staff from Abbey are offering support to Thrybergh School and the Rowan Centre
- We offer support to secondary schools relating to inclusion provision and peer review
- Lead school for youth sport trust
- Abbey School is an immersive learning school
- Curriculum depends on the wellbeing of the pupils and is assessed daily
- Children change on a day to day basis due to a number of factors
- Curriculum is split into 4 stages preparing/ learning/innovate/express
- Pupils attended a fair where they told the community what they had learned
- Still use a lot of holistic therapies reflexology/ mindfulness / massage
- Still using CASPA comparing against other school but this is not a reliable source
- Assessed through personal development
- Pupil Premium no gap in achievement
- PEPS Most of Rotherham LAC children monitored through virtual school



- Y7 catch up when pupils move to secondary school eligible to a small amount of money to get them ready for secondary school
- Interventions for all children are monitored and costed and can evidence impact
- British values strong in school and we have 8 different nationalities in school
- There is a range of training offered i.e rainbow brain
- Training on philosophy for children helps with self-identity
- School council have a voice and are wanting to attend the governors meeting to discuss issues around mobile phones
- There has been a lot of work around e-safety
- Handling incidents gone up this term 90% are relating to 9 pupils
- 2 new pupils in school that have been out of education for a while
- One of the 2 has significant mental health issues and we are looking to a tier 4 assessment
- One LAC has gone from 13 incidents leading up to Christmas to only 2 this term
- No exclusions
- Attendance is 94%
- Success Lincolnshire Director of social services visited the Q&A session was really good and we have been asked to be a key speaker at their conference
- Learning walks now showing we are a calm school
- Parent carers group becoming more active there is a genuine shared partnership with Rotherham parents forum
- SEF we are a good school and there are some aspects of outstanding we cannot be outstanding as the governing body is new and requires developing.

Governor questions & challenges	Response	Further action(s)
CJ – what is an inclusion provision	Resource unit in a mainstream school – develop an inclusion provision for pupils with problems. We have a good partnership with Thrybergh School and some of our boys are attending there to study for GCSE	
AJ – if that is not working should we use it	We look at packages , Learners First and RMBC and the package only cost a couple of hundred pounds more	
AJ - When will you look at that	We get a print off of how much we have accessed The healthy schools part of the service is very good We have paid £900 to learners first and just sent them an invoice for £3k so we get so much more	LW Summer Term
JMcI – so is all governor training included	Yes it is	
SB — Some of the most interesting Learners first training has been around Ofsted and what governors need to be aware of If Governance is poor then the school will be scored at poor		



SB – What is morale like generally	Pretty good – training on restorative practice- high expectation and high support. Yes there are tough days but this is part and parcel of working in a special school. Morale goes down when they feel they can't meet the children's needs due to other agencies not providing support		
CJ – I just want to say that from the visits I have made staff are welcoming and look happy to be here			
SB -Two SIPS - School improvement plan and school improvement partner	School Improvement Plan is a plan to improve the outcomes of the school and the partner is where another school partners		
SB - Is there a cost	This is part of the RMBC package		
SB - How does this impact on H&S	The work is completed during the school holidays		
SB - Do you have a link governor for T&L	We need to look at that as we have new governors. The new governors need to think what they want to be linked to		
CJ - Would the T&L governor also be the data governor	T&L link governor would need help to understand the data		
JMcI – data is more difficult to decipher During a training session I found the data information difficult	Next year will be easier as you will be looking at GCSE Every school will have school improvement plan and how a link governor can be part of that		
SB – could we ask that this goes on the next agenda – looking all link governors roles		Clerk 2/5/17	
SB - PP & sports grant - can we have numbers Numbers of pupils and amount How are we evidencing the impact	Each pupil receiving PP has a plan and we can see exactly what is being spent and what is the impact PP is £900 per year For LAC we get £1900 and get £500 per term. We have asked virtual school to provide Ipads for some children		
TB- I have seen the reports for Abbey PP which is very good and we are looking to use it across all school is the MAT			
SB – How much PP do you get in Abbey	£102k this year		



AJ – does that come from Rotherham or the government	It comes from central government		
IB — will there be any more training on the philosophy for children I would like to be involved in the training	Yes there will be further training and it will be on-going		
CJ – have you asked parents about having their phone? As a parent I wouldn't want that	We could ask parents views on this Pupils have quite a strong argument and have designed a contract which parents could sign		
TB – there is an issue where photos may be uploaded showing where their school is	Students feel we have stopped them using their phone because we are a special school		
A good way forward would be to have a panel of governors where we could listen to both points of view	There needs to be some consultation with parents and school leaders	LW Summer term	
AJ – do you take the phones off them when they get into school	Yes – it is really important to them but most hand them in		
AJ – How do they get them back	They are passed back as soon as they get on transport		
AJ - How do you formulate the rules around it? That could be the challenge as if you ask parents what they think you will get a yes or a no – you need to set out rules			
JMCI - how do other children respond to incidents in school	It is mixed and depends on the situation— most of the time we will remove the child out of class or we will move the rest of the kids out of the way		
CJ – can I join in the safeguarding training	I don't think it is for governors It is provided by the safeguarding board and for schools Designated Safeguarding Leads		
WC – next steps for governors as we are not likely to be inspected until June next year – we have 12 months to improve capacity for governing bodies. We will have a skills audit in September to establish training needs and provide relevant training.			
SB - We have already put some training on for governors Does that include Safeguarding	We can add a half hour session onto the end of one of the meetings	LW Summer Term	



43.2 School Engagement • Included in the Hea	t Report dteacher Termly report		

43.3 **School Budget Report**

- When school budget information was submitted for the MAT we had to provide a 15 month report
- At this stage we would have expected to have spent 60% of the budget and currently the actual spend is 51.4% so we are underspent
- We are projecting around a 15k underspend
- There are 2 main projects which need money spending on POD and D&T room

Governor questions &	Response	Further action(s)
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AJ – can you keep the underspend	You can roll it over – there is no limit on the surplus so long as there is a link to a development plan which is on-going	
SB – if we are predicting a surplus we need to plan what the money can be used for in the future	We have had to been cautious in the past as in the past we have had a deficit	
WC - % spend should be 60% but is at 51.4% - that is around 10% so why is the gap narrowing between now and the end of the year	It is to do with predicted spend We have a number of children on a high package where a child can be moved and the funding taken out of the school immediately	
JMCI – Do you have a contingency plan for this	We hold back some funding for that	
SB – Column 2 – gives you the outturn – there is an extra 3 months. This is the 12 month outturn and this is the 15 month for this period the figures do not match	It will be much easier to follow when we use the 12 month rolling	
SB – the predicted budget for 17/18 what level of finality is this document	At the moment this is guess work on the worst case scenario based on the children here	
SB - Is this what is being presented to the EFA	No we will not be presenting this. We are presenting this today as it would be too late to present this at the July T&L LGB	
SB- in effect this is a first stab at the document We know that we can look at this as a working document	Yes	



SB - Other LGBs are looking to have a link governor for finance SB - the ten questions provided with the papers should be answered before any budget is set	Jim McIntosh volunteered to be the link governor for finance at Abbey We have 2 apprentices currently in	
CJ - Are schools eligible to the apprenticeship levy Would you get that back?	school. TB - I have been asked to develop a strategy for schools looking at apprenticeship levy and how can we look at development in school – you can look at apprentices at all levels For every 10% we put in the government put in 90%	TB – on-going

43.4 School Budget Setting Report

Discussed at 43.3

43.5 SEF Review

• The SEF report is on the website and there is no update today

Governor questions & challenges	Response	Further action(s)
CJ – can you clarify scoring	Grades are linked to Ofsted descriptions (1 is outstanding, 2 is good etc). Where this is a "+" or a "-" sign next to a number, this is intended to reflect that the school is either moving toward the next level or in the lower part of that judgment.	
SB - Are the cost elements transferred into the budget	Yes they are	



43.6 SIP Update

• The SIP report is on the website which is updated with the progress

Governor questions & challenges	Response	Further action(s)	
Are the key elements of the SIP included in the individual development plans for staff	Yes they are – there is cross references from the SIP to individual Development plans		
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	es shared with the governors update statutory and individual school pte	policies and ensure	All Heads and Clerks On-going
 43.8 Commission activity for Link Governors Agreed for JMcI to be link governor for finance. Agreed for JMcI to be link governor for finance. JMcI will work with Tracey Brooke to review the budget setting and provide scrutiny of the process on behalf of the LGB. 		JMcI/TB	
43.9 Pupil growth and subsequent staff appointments			
This item was deemed confidential and is recorded in Appendix 1			
43.10 Chair/CEO verbal up	date of key issues from Trust Board	of Directors	
 There is to be a Leadership Summit 30th March 4.30 to 7.30 at New York Stadium where all governors and SLT are invited to attend 			
44. ANY OTHER URGEN	T BUSINESS		
44.1 To consider any oth	er urgent business agreed by the Chair		
	- This item was deemed confid LW left the meeting for this ag		

44.3 Post 16 provision

- A letter has been received from Education funding agency
- KS 1 has been agreed but when the notification was received it didn't include approval for post 16
- EFA confirmed they will let us know if post 16 has been agreed
- In terms of transition it is statutory that children have a named provision on EHCP

44.4 ICT staff recruitment

 Following a recruitment process this morning an appointment has been made to the ICT Engineer vacancy and Richard White was the successful candidate



45.	CONFIDENTIALITY	
45.1	To consider the confidentiality of any items discussed during the meeting Headteacher ISR Staffing	
38.	DATES OF NEXT MEETING	
Abbey School LGB – Tuesday 2 nd May 2017, 13:00-15:00 at Abbey School Abbey School LGB – Tuesday 13 th June 2017, 13:00-15:00 at Abbey School Abbey School LGB – Tuesday 18 th July 2017, 13:00-15:00 at Abbey School		

Minutes approved

CHAIR	SIGNATURE	DATE
Steve Booth		02/05/2017