



Curriculum Committee Meeting
Thursday, 2 July 2020 at 5.30 pm
Via VIDEOCONFERENCE

Chair: Nick REGAN

MINUTES

Present:

Nick REGAN (*Chair*) - **NR**
Steven Mackay (*Headteacher*) - **SMK**
Tahir Darr - **TD**
Stuart Weatherall – **SWe**
Lucy James – **LJ**
Sarah Mills - **SM**

In attendance:

Jonathan Reeves (*Deputy Head*)
Jeremy Kaye (*Clerk*)

	Item	Action
1.	Welcome and Introductions The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.	Chair
2.	Procedural items 2.1 Apologies An apology was recorded from CL and VL 2.2 Confirmation of Quorum It was agreed that the meeting was quorate 2.3 Declarations of Interests None were notified 2.4 Notification of Any Other Urgent Business None were requested or agreed	Chair
3.	The minutes of the last Curriculum meeting on 30 April 2020 3.1 The minutes were APPROVED and will be signed 3.2 Matters arising from the minutes	Chair

1 Please send apologies to the Clerk: jeremy.kaye@judicium.com

	<p>There were no actions arising from the minutes.</p> <p>The outstanding item (Review of attendance & Exclusions data) was deferred until useful data is available for 2019/20 and then will be assessed together. This is likely to be around October 2020</p>	Chair
4.	<p>Update on the return to school</p> <p>SMK gave a brief summary of how the return to school was going. Year 10 + 12 are in school. Attendance is good although dropped a bit today for year 12, most likely travel related. Teams online was not affected, only physical in school attendance. 75% of year 12 and 65% of year 10 which is good. Overall it has gone well. A few were nervous and there are 4 more sessions to go. 30+ attendees on the busiest days from a list of 50 of key worker related pupils.</p> <p>Q: Chair: How have the teachers been? A: SMK: They have enjoyed it. Some were a bit nervous with the technology but it has gone well with no concerns.</p> <p>Q: Chair: Just streaming live or also recording? A: SMK, both, plus the physical teaching.</p> <p>SMK advised that vulnerable students were now in school for 7 face to face sessions which gives them a link back to school. Young pupils are not being brought in for chats, instead we are writing to parents in a survey (now) which will include how has it been and are there any issues?</p> <p>There will also be additional parents evenings next term.</p> <p>Q: TD: Will years 10 + 12 be given intensive work to complete over the holidays? A: SMK: Yes, there are plans for year 10 and year 12 usually get this from each subject teacher.</p> <p>Q: TD: Is the strategy for September to get pupils all to the same level? A: JR: This will be subject dependent</p> <p>The chair gave a short summary of the need for information on how it had actually gone.</p>	
5.	<p>Plans for September re-opening (Covid-19)</p> <p>It was agreed that with guidance arriving from the government today it was too early to discuss this important matter. It was therefore AGREED that this item would be</p>	

	<p>moved to the FGB meeting planned for 23 July. It was also agreed that a discussion around curriculum and distancing should be dealt with by guidance from PHE.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Update on GCSE & A level results JR gave a summary of how this had been. A level results should be favourable with the GCSE results the opposite. Anticipated results have been done and submitted. They are what we think the students should get.</p> <p>He explained that the issue is how year 11 will handle the results with results day being difficult for many. He explained how it will work on paper, what the process will be and what the plans were for results day.</p> <p>Q: TD: Black students might worry they have been graded lower with BLM in the forefront. A: JR: Explained the mitigation is the process that was followed.</p> <p>Q: SWe: What is the likely average difference between our expectation and the awarded grade? A: JR: It could be a grade per student or it could be 3-4 grades lower.</p> <p>He explained the system that was being used.</p> <p>Q: TD: Is that one grade per cohort? A: JR: Yes</p> <p>There was then a discussion about how this may be unfair but it is what it is and the staff are already expecting the worse.</p> <p>There will be some communication a few days before to parents to share expectations.</p> <p>Q: NR: Do we have autumn exam dates yet? A: JR: Not yet.</p> <p>It was discussed and agreed that music and photography would be particularly hit hard.</p> <p>SMK advised that no guidance had yet been given about exams next year.</p> <p>Q: SWe: How does that look with regard to the year 10 cohort? A: JR: Different. Modelling will be different and difficult, it will be a new system. With scope of exams, boundaries, subjects, etc.</p>	

<p>7.</p>	<p>Update on ICT developments for teaching & learning</p> <p>JR gave a presentation on the proposed digital strategy which includes remote working, remote learning and IT support. 65 laptops would initially be required and this would be supplied by Cloud Design Box.</p> <p>The idea would be to install in the second week of December.</p> <p>There was a discussion around the concept and other future benefits. A student survey will also give needed feedback.</p> <p>SWE commented that Covid aside this would be a major benefit.</p> <p>Q: TD: If there is a November lockdown how will teachers work? A: JR: Via Teams</p> <p>Q: SWe: Will you get headsets? A: JR: Good idea, we will look at that</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Any other URGENT Business <i>(as previously agreed in item 2.4)</i></p> <p>The SEND & Disability Policy which had been pre distributed was discussed under AOB and the email from CL was read and discussed as well as the policy details.</p> <p>It was AGREED to rename the Disability List 'Pupils disability'</p> <p>There was a discussion around SEND, how funding is used, how SEND TA's are used, and the ASSISTANT Senco as well as how the SEND department needs space and that the new SEND building will help. It was agreed that the school funds SEND very well.</p> <p>The policy changes were discussed and how mental health conditions were now more explicit and how the school will support.</p> <p>SMK stated that the SEND policy needs to be clearly shown in the policy because it shows what we do.</p> <p>The other changes were explained and the policy was APPROVED.</p> <p>Q: NR: When will we have an update on the building? A: SM: Hopefully we will be in by January.</p>	

	<p>The Teaching & Learning Policy Which had been pre distributed was summarised by LJ. There were no changes to the body of the policy but annexes had been added. These were explained.</p> <p>It was agreed that the main policy will not change even if we were totally digital but there would probably be additional annexes.</p> <p>The policy was APPROVED.</p> <p>The chair asked who handled DBS and SMK advised it was Ishbel Tovey.</p> <p>ACTION: SMK: To ask IT for an update on the DBS of governors</p> <p>TD asked for link updates ASAP.</p>	
9.	The date of the next meeting was agreed as 8 October 2020	

Signed on:

By: