

INFORMAL MEETING OF GOVERNORS HELD AT HAYWOOD ACADEMY 2ND MARCH 2016

Present: Dawn Clewes (Chair of Governors), Geoff Doyle, Kevin Cook, Steve Hunt, Tom Douch, Clare White and Kath Smith

Apologies were received from Mike Hamlyn and Vicky Brittain

Tom left the meeting at 5.10 pm

The meeting had been arranged so that Governors could get to know their new colleagues, and generally just chat things through. Everyone gave a short résumé of their background and why they had decided to become Governors.

Dawn distributed copies of the Staff Handbook to everybody so that they could familiarise themselves with staff names and departments.

Kevin and Clare to bring in to school identification to enable the DBS process to be completed.

A tour of the school is to be arranged for Kevin, Steve and Geoff and Dawn asked them to let her have some dates so that this could be arranged.

Dawn had met with Dilesh Parmar, Head of School and they had drawn up a very comprehensive framework for Governors Meetings. Dilesh was very supportive of the idea of this meeting, and suggested that it be called Governors Professional Development.

We would work together to create what we would like on the Agenda for full Governors meetings, with emphasis on the focus being driven by us.

The training arranged for next Wednesday (16th March) was in part to explain Progress 8. Dawn explained the thinking behind Progress 8 and confirmed that our current Year 10 students will be the first to have their exams marked in this way.

Dawn then gave out a list of the subjects/areas that Governors would be linked to. Everyone agreed with their links, and Kath said that as the Governors role was to meet with and support the Staff in a particular department, the best way to make the link work was to initially get in touch with the Head of Department to arrange a meeting with them, and then to take it further from there. When the meeting had taken place, it would be beneficial if Governors could write a short report which would be sent out to all members of the Governing Body.

Clare asked if the School Council had a Link Governor and Dawn replied that she would take this up with Dilesh.

Learning Walks were mentioned, which are very different than the school tour and undertaken by a member of the Senior Leadership Team. It is more of structured event as classes were visited when teaching was taking place.

If anyone was interested in this they were asked to let Dawn have available dates.

Dawn asked how often we should have meetings like this one, and Steve suggested that we had them on a regular basis initially and then, decide when people felt more comfortable with their role, to review the situation. Dawn also asked what our meetings should be called and Governors Development was mentioned.

It was also suggested that members of staff who attend the Full Governors Meetings be asked to attend at different times rather than sit through the full meeting when they have only a short presentation to make.

It was decided that our next meeting would be held after the Full Governors meeting had been held on 22nd March. (Date to be advised).

Everyone remarked that it had been a very beneficial meeting and they all felt a lot more positive about their Governors role.