

Sherburn High School Governing Body Raising Achievement Meeting

18 June 2018 at 5 pm

Governing Body Priorities:

1. Getting to 'Outstanding'
2. Ensuring financial stability
3. Maintaining a viable sixth form
4. Developing collaboration

In attendance: Maria Williams, Carole Middleton, Bob Packham, Louise Fletcher, Sue Thirsk, Mark Saunders (Chair of Governors), Tracy Perrin, Lizzie Stockton-Pitt, Sandra Cox, Bruce Scriven.

In attendance: Michelle Cunningham (Clerk)

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Muhammad Kanaa.

2. Declarations of interest and confidentiality

Governors were reminded of the confidential nature of discussion.

3. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed off by the chair.

4. Matters arising

No matters arising.

5. Headteacher Update

MWS provided Governors with a brief written overview of Staff Changes, teaching awards, a Behaviour and Attendance Overview and planned actions along with student numbers, staff absence figures. Governors were also informed of upcoming events:

Sherbies

Teacher Awards

Rollover Monday 25th June

New Year 7's start 2nd July

6. Boys Update

DSN gave a presentation on Boys. Governors were provided with a copy of this. A Governor asked if the gap between girls and boys could be down to the teacher or the curriculum. MWS pointed out that the curriculum and exam specifications are externally set and that teachers have been observed and there is no pattern. Governors acknowledge that DSN is working hard to ensure Boys are given a fair chance at a good education.

7. KS3 & KS4 Update

JBS provided Governors with the Key Stage 3 Overview. Governors mentioned that HPA is weak in Year 11 in a number of subjects and asked if there was not enough stretch at the top. JBS stated this could be correct but this mainly affects boys and not girls so the stretch is there.

A Governor asked about the weakness in Year 10 in Theory PE. JBS confirmed that the new CL in theory PE is capable and with the new strong members of staff, this should improve.

8. Key Stage 5 Update

JRS gave an overview of Year 13 data. Attainment is looking lower than normal. Reasons for this include a number of mental health issues, unconditional University offers and a weaker cohort; a number of HPA did not stay into the Sixth Form.

EST gave an overview of Year 12 where the data is a lot more positive.

9. Safeguarding

Meeting held on 7th June. There has been an increase in the number of referrals due often to mental health issues. PMA is working hard attending lots of quite disturbing meetings. Governors should all complete NSPCC Safer Recruitment Training.

10. School visit reports and governor links

A meeting was held in school with Martyn Sibley and Melissa Boyes where all financial information was discussed at length and a new recovery plan has been put in place by JPR and MWS. Sherburn will be joining the MAT once it is ready to take on the cash flow. A Governor raised concerns that joining the MAT may not be the best way to implement the recovery plan. Governors would like to see the projected finances for the MAT. Mark Saunders agree to ask Martyn Sibley for the information. A governor asked whether the governing body needed a second vote on joining the MAT. It was agreed that a second vote should take place given the change in the school's finances since the first vote to join the MAT.

11. Any other business

Bob Packham wanted to inform Governors that he had been to Premises meeting today and that the work on the roof is to start on 9th July. He also informed Governors of the increase in certain accident categories within school. EST told Governors that the detention system was changing in the new academic year so this should reduce.

There are two interested parties in the Governor vacancy. The Chair will look at these and a decision will be made in September.

Mark Saunders thanked Tracy Perrin for all of her hard work for Governors and wished her well with her plans.

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 25 September 2018

4pm: Finance

5pm: Business