

KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL
MINUTES OF THE FULL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Venue: Library, Upper School, Glossop Road
Tuesday 31 January 2023, 5.30pm – 7.35pm

PRESENT:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Dickson, Chair of Governors (PD) • Linda Gooden, Headteacher (LGO) • Huw Parker, Deputy Headteacher (HP) • School Improvement Partner, Sheffield City Council (part attendance) • Sue Hammersley (SH) • Simon Cooke, Assistant Headteacher Key Stage 5 (part attendance) • Mike Heselton (MH) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clare Allison (CA) • Michael Williams (MW) • Malik Refaat (MR) • Emma Titterington-Giles (ETG) • Kate Williamson, Vice Chair of Governors (KW)
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No.	ITEM	ACTION
1.	Apologies for absence	
	Donna Ellerby, Business Manager (DE), Bashir Khan (BK)	
2.	Declaration of any pecuniary interests relevant to this agenda (and to ensure the register of pecuniary interests for all governors and staff is up to date)	
	None declared.	
3.	Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting and report on matters arising from the minutes on Tuesday 22 November 2022 – decisions and information	
	Confirmed.	
4.	Welcome and introduction of the new School Improvement Partner	
	<p>She explained her background and experience: A former HMI and Headteacher. Her current role is to oversee a team of School Improvement advisors (SIPs) in secondary and primary schools and conduct Headteachers' performance management reviews. She has been approved as the School's SIP by governors. She said she has experience of both working in really good schools and in some who need some support. She is looking forward to working with LGO and governors.</p> <p>Governors were invited to ask questions of the SIP and she responded to them.</p> <p>ETG asked the SIP what her impressions of the School were compared to other schools?</p> <p>She said this is a large school but it is early days for her to form an impression yet. She will work alongside Linda and governors to get an impression. She needs to conduct deep pieces of work before she can make an analysis. Governors will look forward to this.</p> <p>PD said all are looking forward to working with her and thanked her for attending this evening. She left the meeting.</p>	
5.	General Data Protection Regulations – presentation and training for the Governing Board	
	Carried forward to a future meeting.	

6.	Headteacher's Report	
	<p>LGO went through the contents of her report:</p> <p>LGO and PD updated governors on a meeting they attended recently with Sheffield City Council. Explained it was important to work with the link person from the Department for Education (DfE). Key points were shared.</p> <p>SH asked what would be the possibility in the School avoiding academisation?</p> <p>LGO said the judgement would need to be overturned.</p> <p>Parent/carer meeting in School on Wednesday 1 February 2023: KW said the document prepared by LGO will be used to assist what the whole thing means. Support from parents has been phenomenal. How can the School use parental voice to the maximum? KW will attend a parental meeting tomorrow at 11.30am with Sheffield City Council, where parents want to establish how the Local Authority will support parents in the process. KW will ask parents/carers why they send their children to King Edward VII School. Feedback from the discussions at the School's parent/carer meeting will be placed in the School bulletin. Paul Blomfield's newsletter has been circulated to parents and students. LGO will arrange a meeting with Olivia Blake, local MP.</p> <p>LGO will meet with the Chief Executive of Learn Sheffield, on Friday 3 February 2023 to discuss support that can be offered to the School and will invite him to attend a meeting with governors. He has a good understanding of the landscape across Sheffield. LGO will attend the annual general meeting of Learn Sheffield's. PD will forward a position statement from Learn Sheffield to governors.</p> <p>Student progress: MW asked how it compares to previous years?</p> <p>KS4 – HP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive • Action tutoring - an extensive group of academic mentors who are working with smaller groups of students. Pupil Premium/disadvantaged students are the first port of call. English and Mathematics tutors are employed by the School and is now looking to appoint Languages, Science and Humanities tutors. <p>Why these subjects – MH?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spanish has the largest amount of groups. Chemistry tutoring is beneficial to the other sciences also. <p>KS5 – SJC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 13 students undertook their trial exams at the start of this year - data not processed yet. • Data from autumn review – moving in the right direction. • Level 3 valued added used with caveats as based on GCSE achieved with TAGS so not reported nationally. • SEND students doing better than average. • 6 x 'U' grades predicted out of 900 entries – intervention work with Year 12 students was successful. • Catch up funding available to deliver over 600 hours - not all spent so far – 10-15% spent. 	LGO

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students and how teachers are grading on reviews – moving them from quadrant B to quadrant A – better progress. Heading in the right direction. • Progression – UCAS process finished last week – 285 applications sent. An all time high for the School. • Offers back for twenty Oxbridge applications. Six holding offers, one unconditional. • 1025 applications received for Year 12. <p>KW said the impact of the OFSTED report may affect next year's applications.</p>	LGO PD
7.	Review and progress in relation to funding for pupil premium students, including website information	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper circulated prior to the meeting. HP talked through the content of the paper. • Behaviour managers and work done with students – pay off – year group staying on track. <p>MW said the School does a lot of work in ensuring that pupil premium students are independent, in the way of challenge/support for them.</p>	
8.	Reports from: Governors' Finance, Premises and Personnel Committee Governors' Curriculum and Performance Committee Link Governors	
	See minutes.	
9.	Strategic meetings with the Chair and Headteacher – areas addressed since the last meeting of the full Governing Board	
	OFSTED related.	
10.	Any other business	
	Thank you to KW for her work in setting up the parent group work/meetings.	
	Meeting closed at 7.35pm Date of next meeting: Tuesday 25 April 2023	