## **POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

## ON

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 4pm VENUE: Woodlands Meed, Chanctonbury Road, Burgess Hill, RH15 9EY

Committee present: Adam Rowland (AR), Simon Virgo (SV), Bill Hatton (BH), Peter Clinch (PC)

Clerk: Louisa Rydon

## **BUILDING UNIQUE FUTURES TOGETHER**

	MINUTES	
1	Welcome & Apologies	
	Apologies were received from Marion Wilcock.	
2	Declaration of Interests	
	None.	
3	Election of chairman	
	Bill Hatton was duly elected as chair for a further term.	
4	Approval of minutes dated 4th October 2022	
	The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.	
5	Matters Arising/action grid	
	a) Admissions (MGW to check the website)	MGW
	To next meeting.	19/1/23
	b) Child protection and safeguarding policy with statement of procedures	
	for dealing with allegations of abuse against staff – attached	
	It was clarified that this document was an appendix to the policy. The	
	committee understood governors needed to confirm they had read and	
	understood part 1 of the policy. AFR had shown MGW the format used by staff	
	to sign and this could be adapted for governors. LR to liaise with MGW.	MGW/LR
	Governors were included in the single central record.	19/1/23
	c) Online policy – policy wording & inclusion of use of phone in WM	
	<u>regulations</u>	
	The committee noted the improvements made to the policy. There was still no	
	mention of phones and they asked for mobile phones to be added: Use of	LR 19/1/23
	ipads, tablets and mobile phones LR to raise with policy writers. Policy	ER 17/1/20
	approved with this addition.	
	d) <u>Positive handling</u>	
	BH felt there was no direct link to governance in the policy wording. The	
	committee highlighted the analysis that takes place at termly learning and	
	wellbeing meetings and asked to change 'reported' to 'reviewed'. LR to raise	
	with policy writer. Subject to the change, the policy was approved.	
	e) <u>Pupil premium – wording changes following governor recommendations</u>	
	Small typo amended. Approved.	
	f) Changes to Learning outside the classroom and educational visits	
	(following PC/SF discussion)	
	PC was the allocated governor for outside learning and residential trips and	
	had discussed the policy with Sandra Feltham. He had noted the systems in	
	place for residential trips which were brought to governors for approval in the	
	headteacher's report.	
6	Policies for approval	
	a) <u>Pay (AFR) – policy &amp; guidance</u>	

	The pay policy had been sent through to school by WSCC and the WM sections	
	had been inputted. There continued to be two grades to judge teachers	
	against and it was noted there were now two members of staff with a TLR	
	(teaching & learning responsibility). The committee were satisfied that a	
	capability policy was in place and carefully discussed how the pay committee	
	ensured there were robust procedures in place for all pay decisions. They noted	
	the requirements on governors in the policy to be fair and objective with no	
	unlawful bias. The pay committee were rigorous in the process followed but PC	PC
	would investigate if there was any training.	19/1/23
	Approved.	
	b) Behaviour in schools (CC)	
	BH asked for the link to governance to be made clearer and paragraph	
	numbers to be added. The committee suggested changing 'report' to review and discuss as detailed scrutiny of behaviour happened at termly learning and	
	wellbeing meetings. Approved.	
7	Policies due for approval in spring term	
1	Statutory	
	Staff discipline, conduct and grievance (procedures for addressing) (SF)	
	Children with health needs who cannot attend schools (CC)	
	Accessibility (CC)	
	Supporting pupils with medical conditions (CC)	
	First aid in schools SF/RA	
	Careers guidance (to L&WB for FGB approval)	
	<u>Non-statutory</u>	
	Acceptable Use (AFR) – ready for review	
	Communication (GB)	
	Emergency procedure plan (AFR) – ready for review  Exams (SF)	
	Home School Agreement (AFR) – ready for review	
	Lock Down (AFR) – ready for review	
	Transporting pupil travel in cars (SF)	
8	Impact of governor discussion/action	
	Governors are actively involved in policies and are checking they reflect the	
	role of governors in monitoring.	
9	Date of next meeting	
	Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> January at <mark>3pm</mark>	

ACTION GRID DECEMBER 2022			
5a	Check admissions statement on website.	MGW	~
5b	Devise template for governors to sign confirming they have read and understood Keeping Children Safe in Education	MGW/LR	<b>✓</b>
5c	Ask for clause on mobile phones to be added to online policy on ipad and tablet section.	LR	<b>✓</b>
6b	Is there any governor training available for the new pay policy requirements on diversity?	PC	<b>✓</b>