



## ACADEMY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: 10/03/2022  
 Time: 16:30-18:30  
 Venue: Laurus Cheadle Hulme

Clerk: T Wright  
 Present: G Theobald, C Nevin, G Lunt, J Crombleholme, N Thompson, S Mohammed, J Tyrrell, S Holmes, N Barnes  
 In Attendance: M Retford, I Heslop, R Barlow, A Valentine

Agenda Part	Action	Initials
3	To amend the Uniform Policy and share on the website	GT
3	Share the results of the Student Voice Survey "Feeling Safe in School" at ACM 4	IH
4	Complete the Child Protection in Education Educare eModule and email the certificate to the Clerk	All
AOB	Governors were asked to share any feedback on Governor Link roles areas of interest to the Clerk. Link roles to be agreed during ACM 4	All

Agenda – Part 1			
Category	Item	Notes	Action
	AOB items	Welcome to John Peet	
	Spoken Language and Presence Programme Student Presentation	Two Y8 students gave the Committee an introduction into the Cicero Programme. This is professional voice work delivered by the Head of Voice Tom Morrison and Patsy Rodenburg to an awareness of the anatomy of breath and voice. The aims of the Cicero Programme is to learn to listen, to speak from themselves with owned language, to be fully present with the teacher, the group and with the material, make appropriate eye contact; willingness to contribute to a group discussion with prompting; a basic understanding of the vocal process and the connection between body, breath and voice; creating a safe space; an understanding of the basic principles of storytelling.	
	Part 1 Minutes	The minutes were <u>approved</u> as an accurate record of the meeting held 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2021.	

			<p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>To raise an Agenda item at the next Trust Board Meeting regarding Young Carers</b></li> <li>• <b>Governors were asked to feedback any comments regarding the polices to be reviewed to the Clerk by the 17th of December 2021</b></li> <li>• <b>Complete the Effective MAT Governance eModule and email certificate to the Clerk</b></li> </ul>	
		Membership: Recruitment Update	We have appointed four Governors to the Laurus Cheadle Hulme Academy Committee. Welcome to J Tyrrell, N Barnes, S Holmes and S Mohammed.	
		Trust Board Update	The Trustee Meeting Summary from the 1 <sup>st</sup> December and the 2 <sup>nd</sup> February was discussed.	
<b>2</b>	<b>School Performance &amp; Accountability</b>	Review School Development Plan Priorities	The School Development Plan was distributed to the Governors by the Clerk prior to the Committee meeting.	
		History Department Overview	<p>M Retberg – Deputy Head of School and Trust Director of History gave an overview of the History department and the curricular plan.</p> <p>M Retburg discussed the Y11 History trip to Berlin in February 2023. He said that there was a huge level of interest from the students/parent/carers.</p> <p><b>NB Q: What about the kids who haven't asked to go, they may have financial reasons why they haven't shown interest. Do you follow this up?</b></p> <p><i>MR A: The Head of Year 11 does review the Pupil Premium student list and there are provisions to support the families who cannot afford the trip.</i></p> <p><b>NB Q: What about non-Pupil Premium students that cannot afford to go?</b></p> <p><i>MR A: Each Head of Year has very good communication with parent/carers and encourages parent/carers to share any issues that may arise.</i></p>	

		Headteacher Report March 2022	<p>Governors received the Head of School report prior to the meeting. GT gave an overview of the Head Teacher report.</p> <p>GT highlighted that as Laurus Cheadle Hulme continues to grow in size, the spring term is an extremely busy recruitment window. There have been several Teacher appointments with only two vacancies outstanding, Teacher of Maths and Teacher of Spanish.</p>	
3	Governor Monitoring	Finance Update	<p>The Management Accounts from November, December and January were shared with the Committee.</p> <p>No questions or comments were raised.</p>	
		Uniform Policy	<p>The Uniform Policy was discussed.</p> <p><b>SH Q: The current guidelines are that cardigans must be worn if a female student is wearing a skirt. Would it be possible for a change to be made to the policy so that students can wear a jumper with skirt or trousers? This is much more cost effective as it is very difficult to source the cardigan from a supermarket.</b></p> <p><i>GT A: I am happy to apply this change, I will send an email to parents informing of the change and instruct Marketing to share on the website. I will also feed this back to PM who will discuss this change at the next Trust Board Meeting.</i></p>	

		<p>Safeguarding, SEND and LAC / PLAC Update with I Heslop. – Designated Safeguarding Lead and Assistant Head of School.</p>	<p>I Heslop shared that he has conducted a Staff Voice Survey on Safeguarding and said the biggest concern raised by staff was online safety for students and self-harm and suicidal tendencies. Following this we have a contact with the Papyrus (Prevention of Young Suicide) who will provide a session at the dedicated staff training day in June. Also, C Nevin has shared a contact from Greater Manchester Police who will complete a staff training session as part of the annual induction day in September.</p> <p>I Heslop shared links to Educare modules which will support the Governors confidence and understanding around the current safeguarding issues in school.</p> <p>A student voice has also been conducted on 'Feeling Safe in School' and the results will be shared at ACM 4.</p>	
		<p>Data Analysis: Y9 Spanish</p>	<p>R Barlow presented an overview of the Y9 Spanish Mock results. The presentation featured this quote, "Every student needs to improve, not because they are not good enough, but because they can do even better" and the KS4 teaching, learning and curriculum priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exam skills and practices</li> <li>• Speaking exam focus</li> <li>• Continue to develop staff knowledge of demands of the exams</li> </ul> <p>He informed the Governors that each student is given a breakdown of what they scored in each section of the exam so they, alongside their teacher can identify key areas of focus.</p>	
4	<b>Governor Development</b>	<p>Governor Training Plan</p>	<p>It was agreed for the Governors to complete the Child Protection in Education Educare eModule before ACM 4.</p> <p>Optional Educare courses to keep up to date with current safeguarding issues in schools; Harmful Sexual Behaviours Extremism and Radicalisation</p>	
		<p>Governance and Inspection Training Overview Presentation</p>	<p>The Committee was asked to review the Governance and Inspection Training PowerPoint. This can be accessed via SharePoint: Laurus Institute.</p>	

5	Community Engagement		<p>Agreed that Virtual Parents' Evenings will continue as this resolves the parking challenges and efficient and convenient for parent/carers.</p> <p>Y9 Options Evening was virtual and feedback has been very positive. Big thank you C Little Head of Meida who shared an options choices informative video with parent/carers ahead of the choices being made.</p>	
	AOB		<p>Governor Link roles were discussed and the Governors were asked to share if they have a particular area of interest. The confirmed link roles so far are;</p> <p>C Nevin – Safeguarding J Crombleholme – SEND N Thompson – Duke of Edinburgh Award</p> <p>Governor link roles to be agreed at ACM 4.</p>	
	Meeting Dates:	<p>Summer Term 16/06/2022 4:30pm</p>		

#### Impact of Meeting / Key Outcomes

Importance of completing the "Child Protection in Education" Educare module.

The Uniform Policy was discussed at length

*C Nevin*