

**Minutes of South Molton Community College Teaching and Learning
Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 7 June 2016 at 5pm.**

<p>Chaired by: Andrew Redpath He had been asked to chair the meeting as the Chairman (Diane Dimond) had sent apologies and the Vice Chairman (Andy Comerford) was unwell.</p>	<p>Clerked by: Sue Squire</p>	
<p>Present:</p> <p>Marc Cornelius Andrew Finney (Principal) Georgia Newman Andrew Redpath Wendy Rickard Ellen Vernon Sheila Wyer</p>	<p>Agenda: - PROCEDURAL ITEMS: Apologies and Correspondence Approval of the Part I and Part II Minutes of the Meeting held on 22/02/16 Matters Arising from the Meeting on 22/02/16 MONITORING AND ACCOUNTABILITY: Lead Governor Reports School Improvement Plan ITEMS RAISED BY THE PRINCIPAL NOT COVERED DURING THE MEETING CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL</p>	
		Action:
1.	<p>PROCEDURAL ITEMS.</p> <p>1.1 Apologies and Correspondence. Governors sanctioned apologies from Andy Comerford and Diane Diamond. Julie Snell was expected to be late. Tony Strickland was not a member of the Teaching and Learning Committee.</p> <p>There was no correspondence to consider.</p> <p>1.2 Declarations of Interest. Marc Cornelius – member of South Molton Town Council.</p>	
2.	<p>Approval of the Part I and Part II Minutes of the Meeting on 22 February 2016. Approved and signed as a correct record after some minor amendments and it was note that MC had sent apologies.</p> <p>AF spoke about staffing changes and felt the school was an exciting place to be. The feedback from parents and students had been good.</p>	
2.1.	<p>Matters Arising from the Meeting on 22 February 2016.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SW asked if CO (Campbell Orr, Assistant Vice Principal) had met with parents at The Coach and Horses, South Molton. <p>AF advised that ahead of a potential meeting, there had been a push on attendance that had achieved over 90%, this figure being more in the region of what wanted to be seen.</p> <p>AF further advised that there is to be a temporary post for attendance support and structural changes of how attendance is managed.</p> <p>CO to provide an attendance report for the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Point 6. A group of governors had drafted suggestions for how the Governing Body might move forward. A summary of the recommendations was to be circulated to all governors in good time before the next Full Governing Body Meeting. WR to send a copy to SS. Item to be given sufficient time for discussion on the Agenda. 	<p>CO</p> <p>WR</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EV to confirm the situation regarding emailing of parents in connection with changes of the grading system. She had spoken to D Williams (AF's PA) and was comfortable that the issue is not to do with all parents. AF advised that 120 parents attended the presentation event and an email was sent to all parents. ▪ Written Report from DD had been circulated following her Meeting with Steve Rogers following verbal feedback at the last meeting. <p>AF advised that the Doodle software package, trialed for 8 weeks, had been replaced with the school being accepted onto a pilot by the Fisher Family Trust, similar to RAISEonline, to look at a range of written tests where the data is trusted. Fisher Family Trust set a flight path graded on 1 – 9 in terms of the new GCSE and Year 7 would be involved in the next academic year. In addition, this scheme was cheaper - £400 as opposed to £9,000.</p> <p>AR asked if senior staff responsible for Pupil Premium feel it will give an impact. AF advised that following Ofsted, Steve Rogers (SEN) had rewritten the package. There are checkpoints and targets to achieve. DD's Report to be checked in case of follow up.</p> <p>MC asked if progress is tracked in relation to Summer babies. AF completed a study for years ago and no difference found. This does not mean this will be the case for all year groups.</p> <p>WR advised of her attendance at a Health and Wellbeing Conference where it was stated there was a big difference in the progress made by Summer babies. This was a question about sporting participation not academic outcomes. AF to ask RU to complete research.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Comparisons 'before' and 'after' work. Gail Puffit was to contact RU with WR being involved for support but this could not be progressed to report as Gail had subsequently resigned as a Governor. WR would now check this. ▪ JS to confirm she had met Steve Rogers. A meeting is in hand and a report will follow. ▪ WR to advise on any training to be undertaken. Following two meetings with Campbell Orr, WR was booked on safeguarding training on 23/6/16. WR is also researching safeguarding as a gymnastic coach. ▪ EV – draft Report had been circulated at the FGB Meeting subject to Ian Jones' comments. EVV advised Ian Jones had not made any comments and the report will be sent. She was in the process of arranging a session with him this half term. 	<p>DD</p> <p>AF</p> <p>WR</p> <p>JS</p> <p>WR WR</p> <p>EV</p>
3.	<p>MONITORING AND ACCOUNTABILITY. 3.1 Lead Governors Reports</p> <p>DD Pupil Premium. Earlier Report circulated and noted.</p> <p>JS (SEN). Meeting with Steve Rogers being organized.</p> <p>WR (Safeguarding). As reported above.</p> <p>SW (Improving Standards) She had met with AF where the main focus of the meeting was improving standards</p>	

within the new appoints.

The meeting also covered her brief – improving standards and raising achievements where the role was discussed. It was difficult to be specific as it encompassed everything.

AF regularly sent feedback and SW questioned if the role should remain as is, or change the title.

The Key Stage II SATs tests were discussed which were different this year from last year.

Unless staff has a child in that age group, they would not be aware that the standard had changed.

It was hoped that Paul Mulligan would explain to staff about the Key Stage II curriculum to prevent a dip in the results.

AF confirmed his Principal's Report contained improving standards.

He had thoughts on links with the Primary School sector and the previous day had received an email about a MAT (Multi Academy Trust) group regarding a formal link with a Primary School, not necessarily feeder schools, who wish to work with us.

GN asked how it would be worth having the explanation as regards the dip.

AF responded that levels of expectations at KS1 and 2 have raised – we need to react to these.

AR advised that in Year 6, the emphasis is on grammar and Maths, two thirds of which is problem solving and application.

Some Primary Schools may have responded to the changes more effectively than others. This might mean there would be a variation in the test results between cohorts from different schools within the Y7 intake.

WR said there is more emphasis on SEN in spelling and grammar which would present a challenge for pupils with SEN.

AR asked is there a standard assessment for intake in Year 7 other than reliance on SATs?

AF confirmed that the school had its own bench mark testing for Y7 pupils in Maths and English.

EV asked what is the proposal to address it. Does teaching focus on everything?

AF confirmed it focused on everything and because this is not a large school, Key Stage 3 and 4 is covered, SEN children are helped with reading and writing and reports are sent to parents.

MC commented about improving standards in terms of immigrant children and thought that parents of these children were more aspirational and education is valued more. He felt this could be an issue in more rural areas and asked if the school could reach out to parents.

AF replied that this would be an item on the FGB Agenda to discuss further.

All Year 8 children were being taken to Exeter University for experience and local firms were mentioned that students could work with including local firms such as Eaton Aerospace.

WR felt parents could be involved to help a child's education and discussion followed.

JS (Deputy) (Community & Parent Links). No report at the present time.

EV (IAG). Further report to be sent.

	3.2 School Improvement Plan. Aspects of this were and would be covered within the Meeting.	
4.	<p>ITEMS RAISED BY THE PRINCIPAL NOT COVERED DURING THE MEETING.</p> <p>4.1 TLT (Teaching & Learning Team) A Plan for 2016/17 was tabled and an overview was given. AF's idea was to find a space for staff to develop. Two thirds of staff would be involved with Years 7 – 10. Years 11 would be involved in intervention. The remaining third of staff would have the opportunity for specific CPD resulting in approximately 17 hours for this instead of 5 or 6. It will have a big impact on the school in terms of development of staff and students. All members of staff will be involved over the course of the year, a term for each. Taught hours at this school are above the minimum expected for secondary schools. The Teaching and Learning Team will focus on areas they want to develop.</p> <p>An item on the FGB Agenda is a presentation from Caroline Sherwood.</p> <p>EV felt there was a cultural need to shift aspirations. Online accredited courses were mentioned.</p> <p>The Bridge@SMCC. Details were tabled. AF advised there was no provision for an excluded child of Devon County Council and he wanted to provide a resource at this school for those who struggle with mainstream education. He had been in negotiation with the YMCA in South Molton and it is hoped there will be alternative provision with alternative resources for 6 or 7 students.</p> <p>MC was concerned there was a danger of making it too attractive in order to try and get into the facility. AF felt most students want to be in lessons, to do well and be with their friends.</p> <p>Access for students will be based on a threshold level and discussed at SLT. AR spoke about his experience of similar projects throughout the country. The cost is within the teaching line. A provision by DCC at Future Farms, Woolacombe costs £200 a day.</p> <p>AF to provide details at the next FGB Meeting. Louise Southworth will give a presentation.</p> <p>Principal's Report and links to T&L. It was confirmed this is included in the Report.</p>	<p>FGB Agenda</p> <p>FGB Agenda</p>
5.	CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS. None.	
6.	CONFIDENTIAL. PART B. Subject discussions were discussed and minuted separately.	
11.	Date of next Meeting: To be agreed after the Governance Review Report had been noted. The Meeting ended at 6.28pm.	
Summary of Decisions:		
➤ Part I and Part II Minutes of T&L Committee Meeting on 22 February 2016		
These Minutes are agreed by those present as being a true record.		

Signed:
Chair of South Molton Community
College Teaching & Learning
Committee:

Date: