

GOVERNORS STUDENTS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES 9TH JUNE 2011

Item	Matters Arising/ Discussion/ Information	Action taken/to be taken
Present	S Ellison, C Molyneux, I Mohammed, S Langhorn, G Lunt	
1)Apologies	A Lomas	
	The new Head Girl ,Head Boy, Deputy Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy (Sanuja Rasamanikkam, Boris Matiki, Natasha Barnes & Dominik Bosowski) were introduced to the Governors	
Previous Minutes	Minutes of 9 th March 2011 accepted as a true record by Governors.	
2)AOB	The Headteacher asked if another item could be added to the agenda The Dignity at Work policy	Governors ratified the policy on the understanding that this will be reviewed at the start of next term.
3) Rewards and Sanctions Update	<p>In the previous minutes of March 2011 it stated that the school was considering the Vivo Miles rewards scheme. However, due to the high cost of this system and the fact that the awards are of monetary value rather than intrinsic, means that this scheme will no longer be needed.</p> <p>A new system is being drafted after taking on board views from a representative group of staff. This draft will go to middle leaders asap and then to the Student Leadership team.</p> <p>The Chair of the Committee suggested that there should be a consistency of approach by all staff that is able to be monitored by middle leaders and SLT.</p>	The Headteacher is to have this system ready for implementation in the new school year
4) Safeguarding Policy	There have been numerous changes to the way Criminal Record Bureau certificates are implemented. The Government has stated that it is too costly for every person who works with children to have a CRB certificate. However, Shorefields is committed to the safeguarding of its students and it is their policy that staff who have not been CRBd are not allowed to be left with students without the presence of a member of staff who is in possession of a certificate. All new/supply staff are required to have an updated CRB before commencing work.	Safeguarding Policy ratified by Governors

<p>5) Attendance and Punctuality Update</p>	<p>The number of lates per week has decreased from an average of 250 to 40 because of a new system of speedy, hierarchical interventions that goes from a detention, to time in the EIU through to exclusion. There is a Pastoral Governors' meeting on 16th June to which students with poor timekeeping and attendance have been invited. Parents have also been invited to attend</p> <p>There has also been an improvement on staff punctuality to lessons.</p> <p>A Governor suggested that she feels that there should be an additional form period in the afternoon to enhance the role of the supportive nature of the tutor, not only for the students but supporting other staff too. Other staff have asked for this too. It has already been discussed at SLT meetings where it was thought one tutor period each day was sufficient.</p> <p>Attendance has vastly improved and at the moment it is around 90-91% but this has to increase to 93% to have at least a satisfactory grade. However, this is an improvement of 3% on last year's figures.</p> <p>To support Education Welfare Officers in getting attendance feedback to schools in a timelier manner and to improve attendance even further, it is hoped that in the near future a member of staff will be appointed to visit parents of students with poor attendance to try to alleviate the problem. Outreach work with hard to engage students is also planned.</p> <p>Two Governors stated that they had spoken to students with poor attendance (not at this school) and they had been informed that as 1 parent did not go out to work they did not feel the need for their child to attend school as it was very likely that they too would be unemployed. The Deputy Headteacher said that our inclusive curriculum and outstanding care & guidance would mean that this was unlikely to happen here.</p> <p>Attendance remains a problem with some Gypsy/Roma students as their parents frequently state that cannot afford the bus fare for their child to come to school. The school minibus service put on to alleviate this problem was not taken up by these children. A student is only given a bus pass if they live over 3 miles away (as the crow flies) away, but this does not mean that the student will necessarily receive a bus pass.</p> <p>.</p>	<p>The Headteacher will approach the SLT again to request an additional tutor time</p>
<p>6) Behaviour Update</p>	<p>The Deputy Head Girl has stated that the school has got stricter and as a result behaviour has improved. There were a significant number of exclusions and a decreasing</p>	

	<p>number of permanent exclusions during the last 2</p> <p>As a result of the exclusions and increased rigour in monitoring, behaviour around the school has improved as the students are aware of the penalties for poor behaviour.</p>	
7) Anti-Bullying Policy		Policy ratified by Governors
8) Child Protection Policy	Miss Clare Molyneux has been nominated as the Governor responsible for Child Protection	Policy ratified by Governors
9) Pastoral Developments	<p>The new Student Leadership Team has been appointed and they are currently organising the prefect system.</p> <p>A revised system of sanctions and a new rewards system based on House points has its first draft ready for discussion at House meetings next week</p> <p>Lanyards are to be replaced by house badges with the House name on to engender pride in the House (House Proud) This also gives tutors the opportunity to remind students who these people from history were.</p> <p>Activity week at the end of term is to have the theme of Culture and will culminate in a celebration of Culture on the last Thursday evening of the term.</p> <p>A Governor will speak to the Head of PE and try to arrange Bollywood and Hacker for Men dancing.</p> <p>A Governor asked if money for rewards for students with good behaviour/attendance etc had been allocated. The Deputy Headteacher informed the Governors that the Headteacher has allocated funds out of the budget. This term students will receive a congratulations letter on behalf of the Governors.</p> <p>A Governor has suggested that it would be a good idea if a Heritage Day was arranged whereby students could take part in e.g. African dancing. There is a grant of £25.000 available to schools from the Open The Door Theatre Company that Gateacre School has applied for.</p>	
10) AOB (2)	A Govevtnor stated that as a result of 2 Trust Board meetings being cancelled it has not been possible to discuss the Admissions Policy. If we get to the point where we have to take students with poor behaviour/attendance as mid_year_admissions, then the Chair of Governors will be asked to draft a letter to voice the Governors' concerns.	

	Full Governors meeting on 21 st June has been cancelled. The Clerk will contact Governors with revised dates.	
	Meeting closed at 5.50pm	