

**THE JOHN OF GAUNT SCHOOL**  
**Minutes of the Student and Community Committee Meeting**  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**Time:** 6 pm  
**Place:** The Hub  
**Present:** Jo Trigg (vice chair), Debbie Youngs, Pamela Raymond-Heath, Pete Gear, Andy Williams, Jordan Mockett, Ethan (Student Leadership), Eleanor Shergold (Clerk)  
**Advisers:** Eugene Spiers, Helen Kerr  
**Apologies:**

Agenda Item	Actions Agreed	Who
56/18	JT to follow up on school communications for governors with DCO	JT
56/18	Uniform policy to be reviewed in October - JMO to follow up on PE hoodies/tops	JMO
56/18	To write to MPE to express thanks re work on healthy schools To check with SNI that the award has been added to the website	JT
56/18	Feedback on website pages most visited to be requested	JT
60/18	Attendance action plan to be sent to AW for feedback	HKE
62/18	Summary of agenda items from this year to be circulated	ES
62/18	Attendance action plan to be discussed in September's meeting	HKE

**54/18 Apologies**

Apologies were agreed and accepted. Ethan was welcomed to the meeting.

**55/18 Declaration of Business Interests**

Governors were reminded to declare business interests as necessary.

**56/18 Minutes and Matters Arising**

- 30/18 - School communications - JT will discuss further with DCO
- 42/18 - HKE will follow up on the use of burns gel by first aiders after having sought advice from the school nursing service and the LA
- 42/18 - Uniform policy will be reviewed in October. Governors made the observation that the current policy is very gender specific. JMO will discuss PE hoodies/tops with the new head of PE
- 43/18 - JOG has been awarded the bronze Healthy Schools Award. Governors expressed their appreciation of MPE's work on this - JT will write to him. JT to check with SNI that the award has been added to the website
- 47/18 - JT to check with SNI re feedback on website pages most visited

The minutes of 30<sup>th</sup> April were agreed and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

**57/18 Parent Survey**

Survey circulated in advance of the meeting. The number of responses (23% of parents) was similar to 2017. Ideally governors would like to see this increase to 50%.

Areas of Strength -

Staff are friendly and approachable, parents/carers know who to contact if they have any questions. The online booking system is effective. Responses re communication were really positive.

JT highlighted the proportion of 'don't knows' and neutral scores. Whereas this is not necessarily a negative the school would want to see increased confidence.

Trends downward included my child feels safe - to consider adding a comparable question of my child feels safe in the community to future surveys.

Areas of Development -

Includes the school deals effectively with bullying. This is being explored further by SLT. Discussion took place around perception as people do not always know how a situation has been handled. Governors asked Ethan for his observations. HKE asked Ethan about student confidence in sharing information and suggestions were made as to how this could be improved. Governors asked if the student survey is timetabled. ESP said that it is not but that the health and wellbeing survey takes place every two years and is quite detailed re bullying.

DY arrived at the meeting.

## 58/18 SIP Update

*Ensure behaviour allows lessons to flow uninterrupted*

Report circulated at the meeting summarising the three year trend re behaviour.

Number of exclusions by year group -

Y7 exclusions are up on the previous two years. ESP explained the reasons for this. An ASD specialist teacher was appointed to provide support.

Exclusions are up on last year but remain well below national.

ESP said that next year will have similar challenges. VMA has been working with primary schools earlier. ZPE has written to all feeder schools to raise the profile of attendance. HKE and VMA have taken a much more proactive role. HKE said that getting all the necessary information is tricky as names are still fluid at this stage. Y6 transition day is taking place on 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

Behaviour Incidents by Half term -

The term by term comparison to last year and the year before show that behaviour is largely better. Governors asked if this was due to the changes in recording. ESP - would have expected this to cause an increase in incidents. Governors asked about the increase in term 4 2017. ESP - this is when JOG changed to centralised after school detention.

Behaviour Incidents Ranges by Year -

85% of students currently have between 0 and 10 behaviour incidents. This is an increase on the previous two years. The number of students with 31-51+ behaviour incidents is lower than last year.

Governors asked about the impact of Pivotal. ESP - overwhelmingly the most positive feedback from staff is on consistency in the 3 Bes. This clarity re the school rules is one of the best strengths. Of the five pillars that Pivotal promotes ESP said that scripted interventions and restorative justice still need more work.

## 59/18 The Falcon Centre

This year core lessons are being delivered by core subject teachers in periods 2, 3 and 4.

By nature students are in the Falcon Centre for a short period of time. HKE said that in practice some students are there for longer - i.e. months rather than weeks. There are significant success stories. The students range from Y7-Y11 with very differing needs. The school works as much as possible to keep students in mainstream lessons.

HKE outlined what has worked well this year, how this needs to be further developed for next year and the challenges faced.

## 60/18 SIP, Safeguarding and Student Mental Health Update

*Increase whole school attendance, including Post-16, so that learning time is maximised*

Ofsted report May 2018 - 'safeguarding is effective'.

Safeguarding quality assurance visit (LA) took place in April. DY took part in the visit.

KCSiE 2018 is about to be released - HKE highlighted significant changes. These include impacts on student exchange trips.

Whole school attendance is currently 94.15 %. DS attendance remains challenging. Consideration is being given to working with families earlier (i.e. 92%) and earlier down the school. A small number with very low attendance skews the figures.

Girls' persistent absence is down 4%. HKE is hoping that working with primary schools will be effective. Governors asked about plans for next year. HKE will send the action plan to AW for feedback.

**Action - attendance action plan to be sent to AW for feedback**

**HKE**

Student Mental Health - HKE updated governors re provision. HFA - attendance officer - will also be working alongside the CAMHS worker to deliver anxiety/anger management courses.

Student MH is a significant barrier to learning and is becoming more so. Governors asked if there are

other resources that the school can tap into - HKE said no, that the school is well connected but that she would like to see staff development time allocated to cover MH. Governors asked about student education re MH - HKE explained how this is covered.

**61/18 Policies**

Young carers - HKE said that identifying carers is difficult and that they do need special consideration. The school works proactively with Spurgeons where this is known. DY proposed acceptance of the policy. AW seconded the proposal.

**62/18 Agenda Planning**

HKE asked if meeting dates could be changed to a Tuesday for next year. All in agreement.

**Action - ES will circulate a summary of agenda items from this year to inform agenda planning for next year.  
Attendance action plan to be discussed in September's meeting** **ES/HKE**

**63/18 AOB**

DY - Governor Safeguarding Briefing - training was cancelled so unable to attend.

Governors expressed thanks to ESP for all his input and hard work - this was his last meeting.

PSK will be meeting with LHA and BRH to discuss SLT roles.

**The meeting closed at 8 pm. Date of next S&C meeting Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**