

THE JOHN OF GAUNT SCHOOL
Minutes of the Student and Community Committee Meeting
Monday 29th January 2018

Time: 6 pm
Place: Wingfield Meeting Room
Present: Debbie Youngs (chair), Jo Trigg, Jordan Mockett, Pamela Raymond-Heath, Fiona Watson (Friends of JoG), Eleanor Shergold (Clerk), Lydia, Kate (Student Leadership)
Advisers:
Apologies: Eugene Spiers, Helen Kerr, Andy Williams, Pete Gear

Agenda Item	Actions Agreed	Who
29/18	To clarify timescale re student survey on bullying	ESP
29/18	To follow up on safer recruitment training	ES
29/18	To follow up at chairs and Board meeting re governor attendance at school events	DY
28/18	To highlight student concern re more able at the Board meeting	DY
30/18	To discuss community engagement again at next S&C	ESP
30/18	JT to follow up on school communications with DCO	JT
32/18	To request a report re attendance and current data	ES

25/18 Apologies

Apologies were agreed and accepted.

26/18 Declaration of Business Interests

Governors were reminded to declare business interests as necessary.

27/18 Friends of John of Gaunt

Governors thanked Fiona for attending the meeting. An opportunity to find out more about what Friends are doing, future plans and how governors can help support their work.

A recent grant application to the Trowbridge Area Board community youth fund has been successful, with the school being awarded just over £2k in support of Ten Tors.

Friends will continue to make use of opportunities to apply for funding for identified needs, including the student opportunity fund.

Last Friends meeting focused on how to get students involved in fundraising opportunities. An added bonus for students re networking and experience to add to CVs. Friends recognise that students are likely to come up with better fundraising ideas, which Friends can help facilitate. ESP can support conversation around this and the exchange of ideas re fundraising.

Students are already involved in fundraising toward chosen charities.

Fiona highlighted an opportunity for the school to get involved with a community litter pick in March, demonstrating JoG's desire to be involved in the community, raising the profile of JoG as a community school. It was suggested that it would be good to also encourage governors to get involved. Student leadership - the litter pick is a great idea, really important to raise positive profile of JoG. Opportunity great - getting students involved might be problematic.

JMO arrived at the meeting.

Governors asked what Friends need from the school - the student opportunity fund is the key fund that they want to develop. To encourage students to get involved and to contribute ideas.

Fiona left the meeting.

28/18 Student Leadership Update

JT and MGU attended the recent student leadership full board. Main points from the meeting -

- Uniform policy discussed
- Student leadership asked to attend S&C to have input into the meetings
- PSHE - the possibility of having students vote on which subjects to cover/explore more in depth in addition to set topics that have to be covered. Governors asked if it possible for some subjects to be covered in tutor time

- Wheelchair access - although access to all areas would be difficult to achieve governors encouraged student leadership to keep pushing for this to happen for key areas

Provision for more able students raised as a point of concern. Governors noted that 'develop CPD opportunities for stretch and challenge of most able students' is covered in the SIP.

Action - to highlight student concern at the Board meeting

DY

29/18 Minutes and Matters Arising

46/17 - The student survey on bullying will be followed up after current student voice survey has taken place. To clarify timescale with ESP

7/18 - Safer recruitment training - ES to follow up

9/18 - Events that are appropriate for governors to attend - DY will follow up on this at the next chairs' meeting and look at the list of dates again before the Board meeting

18/18 - PG has taken on the role of Healthy Schools link governor

The minutes of 4th December were agreed and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

30/18 Image and Impact of the School in the Local Community

Friends of John of Gaunt - see above.

JT and ESP met to discuss parental engagement - how to ensure that JoG has a broader section of parents responding and being heard. The school already works hard on this and in reality, is doing all that it can.

Action - to discuss agenda item again at next S&C to gain a fuller picture of community engagement from ESP

School Gateway - governors are not receiving school communications since the change to the new system.

Action - JT to follow this up with DCO to see if there is a way round it

JT

31/18 Tutor Groups and House System

A brief staff survey re the new year based tutor groups was carried out recently. This received an overwhelmingly positive response that the move is good for student welfare and student progress.

Governors asked Lydia and Kate for their view - beneficial, especially for Y11, the focus is helpful. However, integration across year groups is not the same with less opportunity to look out for younger students.

Governors asked about the profile of student leadership and whether this is an accurate representation of students across the school - some students do not know about it and leadership is a reflection of those who are involved. Discussion took place re the impact of engaging key students, who in turn would involve others.

Update on House System - JMO is overseeing inter-House activities to maintain cross year group interaction. He updated governors on what is currently happening and the challenges around this. It is largely reliant on students getting involved in their own time so not enough students are involved.

JMO has put forward a couple of proposals to SLT and is waiting on feedback -

- A day of inter-House activities at the end of term in mixed year groups, although this option would impact schemes of work across subjects
- A week of tutor times - reverting back to mixed year groups once every whole term

Governors were positive about the option of utilising tutor time for this.

KS3 Graduation - JMO outlined the process and demonstrated the framework being worked on for this. A celebration of everything, not just lesson time. A passport including trips and points of recognition throughout the year. Students can then see what they need to be working on for the following term, with rewards that have value and are relevant for them.

32/18 SIP and Safeguarding Update

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

Feedback from CP Audit and CP action plan to be followed up at next S&C.

Action - to ask MGU if it is possible to have a report made available re attendance and current data if HKE is unable to attend the meeting

ES

33/18 Policies

Admissions - will go to February Board.

Safeguarding - to be brought to next S&C.

34/18 AOB

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.35 pm

Date of next S&C meeting Monday 12th March 2018

Signed: _____ Date: _____