

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Corporation held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015, 5.00pm,  
The Conference Room, Prior Pursglove College**

**Present:** Dr P Gavens (Chair), Ms K Avery, Mrs U Betterton, Mrs J Burton, Mr S Dauncey, Dr D Dodds, Mr J Kay, Mr M Loftus, Mr A Smith, Cllr P Spencer

**In Attendance:** Mrs E Grove (Clerk), Ms A Shaffi (Vice Principal), Mr J Zoryk (Assistant Principal, Resources), Mrs P Miller (Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Guidance)

*Meeting quorate*

*53% attendance*

1) **Excellence in Governance**

The meeting started with a sixty minute development session on 'Going for outstanding/excellence in governance' facilitated by Mr J Boyle, National Leader in Governance, Education and Training Foundation.

Mr Zoryk and Mrs Miller joined the meeting at 6.05pm. Mr Boyle left the meeting.

2) **Apologies for Absence**

Mr B Bird, Mrs C Craster, Mrs N Crombie, Mr C Groves, Ms S Khabbass

Mr Smith, student governor, was welcomed to his first meeting.

3) **Matters Arising and Progress on Outstanding Action Points**

Matters arising and progress on action points were discussed.

A detailed discussion took place in respect of the Comparative Publicised Data Report which governors had asked for. The basis of the data was questioned and it was confirmed that it was derived from MIDES. Opportunities for expanding the college's market were discussed. Governors asked the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) to re-visit the data and see how the college's offer to the community could be extended.

They also asked SLT to look further at the female retention rate which was below national average. Governors considered that a gender profile for the college and the local area would have been useful. **Action SLT**

Cllr Spencer left the meeting at 6.41pm.

4) **Health and Safety/Safeguarding** (standing item)

There were no urgent matters to report.

5) **Principal's Report**

5.1 and 5.2) **Data Dashboard and Key Assessment Grade (KAG) 6 Report:** These items were discussed together. A detailed discussion took place on student in year progression. It was noted that the overall retention rate was 1.5% higher than at this time last year. Governors questioned Ms Shaffi on the data and whether the same strategies were being adopted to ensure the necessary improvements in underperforming subjects. This was confirmed. In response to a further question, it was confirmed that high grade students were also receiving support and an explanation was provided. Governors were advised that the KAG7 data will be available for the July meeting.

The focus of discussion moved on to the sciences and the benefits that could be accrued by students experiencing input from external bodies. Governors were advised that there was input and further work was being undertaken to strengthen links.

5.3) **2014-15 Post Inspection Action Plan (PIAP):** Progress was discussed and considered to be good.

5.4) Draft 2015-16 PIAP): The rationale for the changed style of the plan was explained Discussion moved on to the targets set out within the plan. The need to consolidate and ensure consistency across subjects was discussed. Consistency measures were queried and confirmed to be value added. Governors were reminded that they were being asked to approve the format of the plan and not the targets at this stage. A further discussion took place and it was agreed that the targets should be reviewed and set at the September Corporation ie after the summer results were known. **Action SLT**. A discussion followed on interactions with local schools. It was agreed to adopt the format of the plan.

5.5) Lesson Observation Report: Mrs Miller spoke to the report and outlined the actions being undertaken to improve areas of underperformance. It was noted that part-time teachers accessing training would be a particular focus in 2015-16.

Mr Smith left the meeting at 7.33pm.

5.6) Formal Links with Employers Report: The report had been omitted from the papers. It was agreed that this should be picked up at the July meeting.

6) **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

This was confirmed as Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2015 starting at 6.00pm.

7) **Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

8) **Publication of Documents**

It was agreed to publish the agenda and lesson observation report.

9) **Strategy for the College's Future**

A confidential discussion took place on future strategies.

The meeting closed at 8.16pm.