

BOARD of GOVERNORS

NOVEMBER 2023

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Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors for Victoria School on
Tuesday 28th November

Members Present

Miss Christine O'Callaghan, Chairperson
Mr David Adams
Cllr. Rhiannon Birch
Mr Marc Cahill
Mrs Rebecca Connor
Mrs Sam Daniels
Mr Alistair Davey
Mr Peter Hall
Mrs Laura Halliwell

Mr Simon Husband
Mrs Judith Jones
Mrs Cerys McDonald
Miss Jeanette Minns
Mrs Helen Moreton
Mr Mark Petherick
Ms Julie Plumb
Dr Rhiannon Slade
Cllr. Mark Wilson

Apologies

Mrs Beth Hales

Apologies were given and accepted by Governors.

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 24th October 2023

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors held on Tuesday 24th October were approved by the Governors; proposed by **DA** seconded by **MC** and signed by the Chairperson.

Matters arising

None

Head Teacher Report

The report had been circulated to governors prior to the meeting. **SD** asked if there were any points that needed clarifying. **MC** asked **SD** if she could explain the Welsh Government Test Data.

SD advised that WG testing starts in YR2, pupils are tested in procedural, reasoning and reading, the tests are undertaken on-line. The tests are individual to each child. The results are analysed by staff to ensure progress is being made. The average score per child is 1000, the data clearly shows that from YR3 progress is made. The longer a child is with us the greater the progress. However, **SD** advised that data is not everything it was important to look at the progress holistically. Furthermore, although the data shows the results for children who are FSM (Free school meals), EAL (English additional language) and ALN (Additional learning needs) there are other families who are vulnerable due to a family break-up or a death etc. **RC** commented that Stanwell have found this data useful when children join them. In addition to the WG tests, **SD** stated that a different tracking system for the new curriculum was being implemented and other data was analysed such as attendance and the take-up relating to extra- curricular clubs – it was important that all pupils were given the same opportunities.

MC asked if the data was published. **SD** advised that it was available to parents in the Annual Governor Report to Parents.

Governors could see that pupils at Victoria were performing above the Welsh average; **SD** advised that the data was used to look at any gaps and inform teaching so that it was bespoke to year groups. If certain cohorts had gaps, teaching could be tweaked accordingly.

AD asked if the data allowed targeted use of the Pupil Deprivation Grant. **SD** stated that due to the current challenges of the budget most grants were used to plug the deficit. However, all FSM children had the same opportunities as everyone else – e.g. all children were given the opportunity to learn a musical instrument. LSA's were employed to deliver various programmes such as ELSA, Flourish and Speech & Language support.

CO'C asked if there was an update on the new canteen. **SD** advised that she had asked Carole Tyley from Big Fresh for an update and had been told that a business case was being submitted.

SD informed governors that the ESTYN report would be available in January.

Safeguarding

JJ advised that she had recently undertaken her training. There are robust safeguarding systems in place.

Correspondence

HM had received confirmation that **MP** had been re-appointed as an LEA governor.

AOB

PH & CM confirmed that they would both be attending the Education Update session. **JM** advised that she had attended the Anti-Racism training and would meet with **SD** to discuss.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 20th February

Matters Confidential – See Attached

