



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE OF TRING SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY HELD ON THURSDAY 13 JANUARY 2011 – 5PM

Present:

Mr B Scarth (Acting Chair), Mr A Dobberson, Mr N Barlow, Mrs D Turner, Rev. H Bellis, Mr A Watson, Mrs S Hall, Mrs A Walters.

In Attendance:

Mrs E Smith (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs L Whitesmith (Chair)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18 NOVEMBER 2010

Approved.

4. MATTERS ARISING

None

5. POLICY REVIEW:

A. Tring School Equality Scheme

Approved for submission to the full Governing Body.

6. DISCUSSION:

i) Behaviour Management System (NB)

Mr Barlow provided the committee with handout. These were examples of the reports that can be generated instantly using the new Behaviour Management System (*copy included with file copy of these minutes*). The reports were a breakdown of detentions given to students highlighting either House or Form figures.

- Reports are instant and easy to analyse.
- The electronic system enables staff to register detentions immediately.
- The very clear step by step centralised detention system means that departments do not have to hold their own afterschool detentions, this frees up their time.
- There is a swift turnaround from the time the detention is issued to the parent being informed and the date of the detention.
- Some teething problems but staff are using the system and are very positive.
- Feedback from parents has been positive.
- The system gives tutors and teachers evidence when dealing with queries from parents.

- The Student Support Team has done a fantastic job implementing the new system.
- Parents will be able to see what detentions if any are given live as they are being issued. Parents will be provided with a specific log-on for their child.
- Next step is to produce reports for Subject Leaders in order for them to pick up any patterns in behaviour within certain teaching groups.
- A visit will be made to another school where the system has been in place for a longer period to look at their best practice and results.

ii) QiSS (Quality in Study Support) AJD

Mr Dobberson handed out a copy of the item on QiSS from the newsletter. *(copy included with file copy of these minutes)*. Work towards this accreditation has been ongoing for the last 12 months. Mr Dobberson made the following points:

- This project is looking at extended learning opportunities for young people.
- It involves providing clubs and activities at lunchtime, afterschool, during the holidays, school visits and also Key Stage Intervention.
- One of the requirements is to have a Critical Friend, this is Sue Atherton (formerly the Extended Schools Co-ordinator. Her new position is Career Education & Guidance Co-ordinator).
- A huge number of clubs including Music, Drama and PE are successful in providing extra-curricular activities but the purpose of this is to focus and motivate students that are not taking part as statistics show that students who get involved produce better academic results.

7. REPORT:

Bullying and Racist incidents Report

Mr Barlow reported there had been 5 bullying incidents and 1 racist incident.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

1. White Paper: Mr Barlow gave the committee a copy of the Behaviour Summary from the White Paper *(copy included with file copy of these minutes)*.

Action: Nigel Barlow to send an electronic copy of the Exclusion section of the White Paper to Governors.

2. Community Cohesion: Governors enquired as to the situation with Adult learning and evening classes. It was explained that because providing courses was not cost effective the decision had been made to provide a facility rental only system.

3. Changes to future agendas:

Action:

1. a. Governors Objectives and b. Safeguarding to be added to all future agendas on this committee.

2. School Plan to be discussed at the next meeting – this will replace any other policy reviews or discussion items planned for the next meeting.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

10 March 2011 – 5pm - Connexions