

Ratified
Minutes of the 16+ Committee Meeting
held on September 21st 2009 at 5.30.

Present:

Mrs Lesley Swarbrooke
 LSW)(Chair)
 Mr Phillip Halstead (PHA)
 Mrs Shirley Lawes (SLA)
 Mr Mark Lynn (MLY)
 Mrs Lucy Monk (LMO)

In attendance; Ms Debbie
 Cooper (DCO)
 Mr Chris Dawson (CDA)
 Mr Gareth Bendon (GBE)
 Ms Wendy Grayburn (WGR)
 Mr Warren Davies (WDA)
 Mr John Court (JCO)
 Mr Clive Galbraith (CGA)

Clerk: Mr John Malkin.

| Item | | Action |
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| 1 | Apologies ; none were received | |
| 2 | Declarations of Interest ; none were registered | |
| 3 | Approve 16+ Minutes of the last meeting held on May 18th 2009; The factual content of the Minutes was approved. | |
| 4 | Matters Arising: Governors were unsure as to item 8 and LMO confirmed that it had been presented as part of the budget statement. LMO to re-send to clerks for distribution. | LMO, Clerks |
| 5 | TOR and Governor Reps from WPSC/HWD; The TOR was agreed with the proviso that it is added that whoever hosts, will chair the committee. | Clerks |
| 6 | A2 and AS results: Summer 2009 Analysis of results was handed to Governors (attached) LMO talked Governors through the document, and Governors were urged to read it further. Disparity between yr 12 and 13 is noted, with the CVA for yr 12 vastly improved. 94% yr 13 pass rate needs to be 100%. The document leads into the Post 16 action plan. WDA, supported by LMO emphasised that Ofsted/Owen review had confirmed the presence of much good classroom practice, with teaching staff confident that progress is evident. LSW questioned the criteria for Sixth Form admission, and discussion ensued. JCO stressed that standards were not being compromised, which is in the student's long-term interest, and effective tracking is now employed. Rule of 4 GCSE grade B (at least) is rigidly enforced. Ethos of Sixth Form noticeably improved. JCO talked Governors through the chronological "weeding-out" process (question from GBE). CDA said that Governors would appreciate a simplified method of how staff manage the situation. PHA fully supported the idea of statistical evidence, as long as it is abundantly clear what it represents. MLY asked if previous student progress could be used to identify problems, but LMO felt that at an early stage in Yr 12, GCSE grades were a good enough indicator, and that FFT data would be used in November 2009 to set personal targets. | |
| 7 | Yr 12 Recruitment: 154 Students; 83 girls, 71 boys, including, significantly, 15 academic external students, mainly from Claverham. There is a higher percentage of boys in the Federal 6 th with 5 A-C, and the most able students from both schools largely join the Federal 6 th . Discussion ensued as to how to ethically attract Sixth Form students. The process can be traced back to Yr 9, and WDA paid tribute to the persuasive powers of a strong Student Union at WP! Sixth Form students are used as ambassadors for the Federal Sixth. It was recognised that some students prefer a college-based Sixth Form, the needs of the individual student are paramount. PHA stressed that we need to be precise as to what our "selling point" is. JCO alluded to the myth that the three other comprehensives in the town are automatic feeders for South Coast College, though LSW told of a family member at another school, who, presumably in good faith, had been given precisely this impression. | |
| 8 | Yr 13 Recruitment; 151 students in Yr 13 72 girls, 79 boys. The vast majority is on appropriate courses, and supportive work is undertaken with the most vulnerable. Though there are currently less students capable of Oxbridge entry, the cohort is largely focussed on university entry. MLY | |

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| | questioned the financial clawback procedures, should students give up courses, and JCO confirmed that the clawback system is operating, and with less students than normal, it will impact on the finances of the Federal 6th. Yr 14 exists for 21 students who are embarking on an additional year for a variety of sound and personal reasons. | |
| 9 | 16+ Owen Education Report: LMO paid tribute to the report, and agreed that the facilities at Helenswood U/S leave something to be desired. Radical changes are potentially in the offing, largely dependent on “Building Schools for the Future” finance. It was conformed that the Federal Sixth Form is an integral part of Hastings post 16 educational provision. Discussion ensued as to the marketing of the 6 th Form. JCO stressed the importance of effective marketing. GBE asked how the report’s recommendations are put into action and LMO confirmed that they form part of the Post 16 Action Plan. CDA urged the setting up of a joint Federal 6 th Form website – supported by LMO. SLA cited an example of a family member, whose experience of induction courses at two centres was very different. (PHA) The Federal 6 th needs to be packaged in an innovative manner to counter the “newness” of South Coast College. LMO and JCO are intent on an improved system of marketing, which will take time. MLY drew attention to page 7, which seemed to be critical of traditional teaching, and JCO said that styles of learning do change. | |
| 10 | SIMS Partnership Exchange; Colleagues at both Helenswood and William Parker consider that the package is largely not fit for purpose, despite much hard work by relevant staff. JCO thought that the concept is well-founded but is not supported by the process. LSW urged that any bill for SIMS is not paid. | |
| 11 | Developments for 09/10: LMO drew attention to the Action Plan on the back of the attached pack and urged Governors to study this. JCO requested that the next meeting has as an agenda item on the budget situation and also - A.L.P.S | Clerks JCO/LMO |
| 12 | Date of next Meeting – Monday 14th December at William Parker at 17.30 | |
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The meeting closed at 19.15