



JOINT GOVERNOR MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of both governing bodies held on Wednesday 8th January 2019 at 5.00 pm in the school.

Attending: David Bertwistle, Paul Brown, Deborah Burles, Edward Doyle, Margaret Farwell, Stephanie Garwood, Rita Harrison-Roach, Kate O'Kelly, Sarah O'Malley, Hannah Pasfield, Mark Poeti, Neil Ryder, Nik Taylor (part)

Also attending: Rosemary Black (Chichester diocese effectiveness partner)

1. Welcome and apologies:

Apologies were accepted from Pippa Bass, Edward Doyle & Max Harwood

2. Declarations of interest:

None

3. Introduction

DBe welcomed governors from both schools for their first joint meeting and explained that the objective was for Rosemary Black, diocesan effectiveness partner, to lead a session to explore the aims and Christian values of both schools.

4. School values

RB divided the governors into four groups and ask them, in their groups, to discuss:

- a. What skills and attributes they want children to leave their schools with
- b. What they believe their schools are best known for
- c. What else they would like their schools to be known for

Governors then shared their agreed lists and RB pointed out the very broad overlap between the schools.

5. C of E vision for education

RB summarised some of the key points of the C of E vision and the SIAMS evaluation schedule, and asked governors to make a point of reading these documents more carefully [both are on TTG under 'documents' / 'general resources'.

[NT left the meeting]

6. Vision

RB asked governors, still within their 4 groups, to use the strengths and weaknesses of their schools (see 4a-c above) to agree three key items they felt should be included in their schools' vision statements – or in a joint vision statement.

7. Actions

RB then divided the governors into three groups (deliberately mixed by school and rôle) and asked them to discuss essential actions required to achieve the three vision items agreed at 6 above, taking into account the needs of pupils, staff and leadership & management.

8. Conclusions

RB urged both governing boards to use this brief exercise to decide a clear vision for each - or both - school(s) and an action plan and monitoring plan to achieve them. Governors agreed to discuss their strategy for the schools and the partnership as soon as possible as it was clear this was an essential precursor to agreeing vision(s).