

LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN

WILLIAM ELLIS SCHOOL

Minutes of a meeting of the

Governing Body

held on 23 March 2017 at 5.30pm

Part One Public Minutes

Membership			
Richard Ault	IA	Pandora Kay-Kreizman	IA
Laura Concannon	IA	Fiona Millar - Chair	IA
Ronke Coote	A	Daniel Monk	A
Karen Dunnell	IA	Claire Ozkaya	IA
Julia Eccleshare	IA	Imogen Sharp	IA
Professor Conor Gearty	A	Selina Skipwith	IA
Dr. Lee Elliot Major	IA	Sam White – Head Teacher	IA
Georgia Gould	IA	Jonny Woolf	A
Omar Harmon	A		
Also in attendance			
Bernie Lane – Assistant Head			
Izzy Jones			
Clerk			
Elaine Peers			

IA – In Attendance, A – Apologies received, N – not in attendance, no apologies received

The meeting was quorate and started at 5.30pm.

1. **Welcome, Introductions and Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from: Ronke Coote, Conor Gearty, Omar Harmon, Daniel Monk and Johnny Woolf.

Selina Skipwith was welcomed to her first meeting as a new Foundation governor.

Resolved: to accept apologies received for absence.

2. **Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2017 were agreed.

4. Ofsted Inspection

The Headteacher provided an overview of the outcome of the Ofsted inspection. The report had not yet been published and its contents remained confidential. Students, staff and parents would be informed of the outcome at the point the report is published. The School is considering how to celebrate the outcome of the inspection and Governors will be circulated with information once confirmed.

5. Cycle of Reports to the Governing Body

The Chair proposed a facilitated session at a future Governing Body meeting to consider the cycle of reports and scheme of delegation. The Chair will discuss this further with the Headteacher.

6 Curriculum Proposals

An indicative curriculum plan was tabled to aid discussion. The plan set out a 50 period curriculum cycle for each year group (7-11) with 25 periods per week.

Noted:

- Significant changes are proposed in Year 10 to maximise Progress 8 where progress and attainment in "open" subjects has been variable. The School will no longer offer DT, ICT or Travel and Tourism as part of the KS4 offer. Consideration is being given to offering engineering as a new subject.
- An increase in the amount of tutor time in KS3 is proposed.
- In years 7 and 8 there will be special provision for a small number of students to receive intensive support in literacy.
- Computing will be covered in the maths block. IT will still be taught in KS3 but less time will be allocated to it.
- One proposal for year 9 options would be to:
 - Keep the requirement to take one language (Some flexibility could be retained for students wishing to take double languages).
 - A requirement to take history or geography
 - The rest would be an open choice (although there may be some restrictions)
- Proposals for changes to the Modern Foreign Languages offer are under consideration. A possible solution is for all students to study one language.
- Governors discussed the number of GCSEs students may take. Current practice is 9 subjects with an option for 10. Governors queried what parents might think about a limit of 9 GCSEs and whether this would limit the breadth of the curriculum offer. Governors preferred option was to start with 9, with an option to drop to 8 to allow more time to make progress in other subjects. There will be consultation with parents on this issue.
- Schools in Camden are collectively discussing the 14-19 offer including a proposal to trial 4 full-time places for each school in guaranteed, high quality alternative provision. Noted that one day alternative college provision is challenging for the timetable
- Noted that a third of the current Year 9 have had additional literacy support to prepare them for KS4.

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

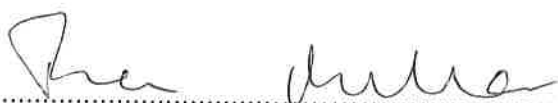
8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Governing Body will be Thursday 18 May 2017 at 6.00pm.

9. Confidential Business

There was one confidential business item, Responses to the Organisational Change Consultation, and this is recorded in Part 2 of the minutes.

Signed.....

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Dutton", written over a dotted line.

Date:.....

18/5/17

Chair of the Governing Body

