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Minutes Curriculum 27.9.23

Present – Barrie Lewis, Heather Holder, Ceri Littlewood, Sara Peters, Nia Vaughan, Janine Burr, Amanda Moore, Lowri George, Damian Faulkner.

Apologies – Nerys Sales, Lynn Walters, Angela Minton, Jack Shaw, Paige Baldwin.

2. To confirm the elected chair for the curriculum committee for the school year 2023-2024

For Information	To be Actioned/Response
Heather Holder was nominated and elected by the curriculum committee to continue as chair of the committee for the forthcoming school year.	Agreed by all present.

3. Curriculum Development Update

For Information	To be Actioned
- The focus over the last year has been on developing the new curriculum, the focus now is to embed the changes made and allow staff this year to monitor, evaluate, discuss and see how these changes look in reality. The school will not introduce any further changes this year but will use the time to evaluate and ensure that all processes work properly, tweaking where required. We discussed this with staff and it was clear that what staff need now is the time to focus, monitor and evaluate. - The Curriculum Policy is now complete and a copy has been shared with all governors and included within the school drive. - The Pupil Voice Policy is now complete and a copy has been shared with all governors and included within the school drive.	- Noted - Circulated and Agreed by email. - Circulated and Agreed by email.

4. SIP and MER update

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5. **Governor Visits this term**

For Information	To be Actioned
• Discussion was held around the literacy and numeracy visits completed by governors in the last school year and how useful they were. • This term's focus is Wellbeing and governors are invited in to look at provision across the school, discussion was held around observing enrichment and outdoor learning activities along with meeting with staff and children in particular, crew cymraeg, junior leadership team, outdoor learning support staff and enrichment staff. • Wellbeing governors are Damain, Amanda and Nerys although an open invitation will be provided to all governors who would like to take part. • A meeting will be planned with CL to map out what the visit will look like and a provisional day was booked in for Friday 17th of November.	• DF to email governors to put together a team to visit. • CL to meet with the team to map out the day.

6. **AOB**

For Information	To be Actioned
• A governor requested meeting dates be a little flexible as they have now moved back to a Wednesday. Discussion was held around days that people are available and the difficulty of finding a good day for everyone. A number of people find Wednesdays difficult but a number of people also find Tuesday difficult. It was agreed that there could be some flexibility and it also recognised that not all governors can attend all meetings. Discussion was held around moving the next meeting on 11th October (Finance) to the 10th of October, however a number of people could not attend on the 10th. Finance was agreed to go ahead on the 11th and the school would look at some flexibility in dates next term. • A discussion was held regarding a request for a Halloween disco from the PTA. The head advised that a Halloween disco was not possible following guidelines in relation to religion. In addition, last year's Autumn Disco which was held at the end of October turned into a Halloween Disco which resulted in parental complaints and the exclusion of some children who had planned on attending, but couldn't due to religious beliefs. The head advised there was no issue with holding an Autumn Disco which is inclusive for all children. Discussion was held around a Halloween disco for just those who wanted/could attend, however this excludes those who cannot attend for religious reasons from a disco. This does not fit within the school's inclusivity policy.	• Noted

All documents relating to the meeting were available to view and comment on in the Governor Drive prior to the meeting.

This is a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Holder

Chair of the Curriculum Committee – Heather Holder

15/11/23

Date