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Minutes Curriculum 18.5.22 4.30pm

Present –, Barrie Lewis, Heather Holder, Ceri Littlewood, Sara Peters, Page Baldwin, Jack Shaw, Martin Smidman, Janine Burr, Gemma Poupon.

Apologies – Lyn Walters, Angela Minton, Ian Williams, Amanda Moore, Damian Faulkner, Nerys Sales,.

2. Curriculum for Wales

For Information	To be Actioned/Response
• The Headteacher thanked the governors who attended the recent curriculum training event. • The copy of the training document is available to governors who could not attend the training in the school drive. • A new flyer from welsh government has been emailed to all governors entitled 'What do schools have to do in September'. This is a very good document explaining what is mandatory, what the school's responsibilities are along with the responsibilities and requirements of the governing body. • The school is almost ready with the new curriculum and the chair, vice-chair and curriculum lead will meet over the next few weeks to plan and bring a summary of the new curriculum to governors in the next FGB meeting for adoption. The school's statement will also be ready for agreement during this meeting, this will then be published in time for September. • The headteacher also presented a timeline of the school's journey with the new curriculum, this is an ongoing and ever-changing document and is available to view in the school drive. • A governor asked if there was any guidance around assessment yet? The head responded that there is no guidance to date however schools in the cluster have met and are moving forward with assessment plans, Oldcastle and Brynteg are very much working along similar lines. The school is looking at introducing a TLR next year working with assessment as a project and that will be discussed in the staffing up date later in the meeting.	• Noted and agreed by all present.

3. Family Engagement Officer

For Information	To be Actioned
- An update was provided by the headteacher on current duties and impact to date - A number of families are having direct support with behaviour, attendance and confidence building. 3 Thrive groups are being worked with (15 children in total) - Language and Play sessions are underway for parents of nursery children - Attendance is moving forward at quite a pace, we have a new Education Welfare Officer who is keen to improve attendance and tackle the issue head on. The FEO has met with families of poor attendance children along with Miss Hodgson the Assistant Headteacher and these meetings are working well and proving successful. - Thrive Practitioner licence has been completed and training is underway as a Family Thrive Practitioner.	Noted

4. Staffing update _ moved to Private and Confidential at the end of the minutes.

For Information	To be Actioned/Response
- Confidential information is contained within the confidential section of the minutes. - Current TL3's will end in August, the Headteacher proposes three new TLR3's for project work starting in September, they will focus on three areas and will be for a fixed term of two years and based around new priorities and the school improvement plan. Projects - Working on a framework for embedding a whole school approach to wellbeing and mental health. - Working on a framework for embedding a whole school approach to equality and equity. - Assessment in line with the Curriculum for Wales. Discussion was held around the merits of the three projects and the importance of equality and equity and how it would give staff the tools to educate effectively. This will be brought to the finance meeting to discuss and agree costs.	Noted

5. ALN Update

For Information	To be Actioned
- A training event was recently held for all governors in relation to the ALN act. - AN update was provided on progress to date - IDP's are now formalised for all pupils who require one The school is a cluster lead school in relation to ALN and Miss Hodgson leads on this. Early Help team have been running sessions in school working with families who need them - The next steps for the school are looking at universal provision across all areas of the school and this will link in to the school improvement plan in September.	Noted

6. End of Year Reports

For Information	To be Actioned
• Reports are currently underway and have been changed slightly in line with the new curriculum.	• Noted

7. Attendance

For Information	To be Actioned
• Attendance is a key focus following Covid and now that the EWO can action any issues. The school still has a number of children who really struggle to come into school and some who do not want to attend at all. Actions are underway and the school will provide an update each term.	• Noted

8. Teaching and Learning Inset

For Information	To be Actioned
• A presentation was provided showing the activities and training being undertaken on inset days, based on the new curriculum. • The focus on the last inset day on April 25th was 'What does good teaching and learning look like at Oldcastle' and the vision of the school around the four purposes. • The day was extremely useful, all staff were involved, staff worked in small groups working on key tasks one of which looked at expectations. See presentation. • As a result a professional development plan is now being designed working on the schools expectations. • A governor asked who had put together the training and presentation as they felt it was an excellent piece of work and followed a very logical path? The Headteacher advised that she had put it together and was extremely pleased that it had worked so well and that governors could see the work being put in. Governors congratulated the Headteacher on a very informative document. The school is almost complete with its research around a new literacy scheme and this will be finalised in the coming weeks. The school has recently completed testing and results look promising, progress following Covid is looking better than anticipated.	• Noted

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9. AOB

For Information	To be Actioned
None	

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.

HH Holder
Chair of the Curriculum Committee – Heather Holder

8/17/22
Date