



DIDSBURY

HIGH SCHOOL

ACADEMY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: 05/12/2023
Time: 17:00-19:00
Venue: Didsbury High School

Clerk: T Wright
Present: K Houghton, T Theobald, S Wane, P Dickens, J Game, M Abadi, H El Jarn In
Attendance: D Woolley, M Sackville Ford

Agenda Part	Action	Initials
4	It was agreed for the Governors to complete the GDPR Educare module and Pupil Premium NGA training module and email your certificate to the Clerk.	All

Agenda – Part 1			
Category	Item	Notes	Action
1	Apologies	M Hill, M Kara-Mohamed	Note
	AOB	M Sackville Ford, DHS Assistant Head and Trust Director of Inclusion presented the Governors with the Didsbury High School SEND Strategy. <i>MA Q: As the SEND department, what connections do you have with the Primary schools?</i> MSF A: We work alongside the Pastoral team to complete transition visits; we network with the Primary SENCo's and build a relationship with the student and families.	Note
	Part 1 Minutes	The minutes were <u>approved</u> as an accurate record of the meeting held on 2 nd October 2023.	Agree
	Membership: Recruitment/ Succession Planning	A community Governor has been appointed, welcome to H El Jana.	Note
	Trust Board Update	Updates from the Trust Board meeting in September was circulated prior to the meeting. Governors reviewed this and had no further questions.	Note and Agree

2	School Performance & Accountability	School Development Plan Priorities and Headteacher Report	<p>K Houghton discussed the School Development Plan and Headteacher Report. These documents were shared with the AC ahead of the meeting.</p> <p><u>Attendance</u> Whole school attendance for the 2022-23 academic year was 93.1%. This was significantly above the Manchester Local Authority Secondary School attendance which was 92.9% for half term 1. The percentage of students who were classed as persistently absent (<90%) and severely absent (<50%) were also lower than Manchester. Admissions, this is also in line with national needs.</p> <p><u>Academic Aspiration</u> The Year 11 cohort are the first GCSE cohort at DHS, the aim is to be the best performing, non-selective school in Manchester.</p> <p><u>Admissions</u> 342 Parent/Carers chose Didsbury High School as a first-choice placement, 1110 Parent/Carers put Didsbury High School as a preference.</p> <p><u>Sixth Form</u> Sixth Form Open Evening took place in November, with a staggering 559 visitors which is an increase on last years visitor number. The application window is open until 8th December, so far we have had 220 applications.</p>	Note
3	Governor Monitoring	Finance Update	The Management Accounts from August were shared with the Committee.	Agree
		Policies to be reviewed	Governors approved the Safeguarding Policy.	Agree

4	Governor Development	Governor Training Plan	<p>It was agreed for the Governors to complete the GDRP Educare module and Pupil Premium NGA training module and email your certificate to the Clerk for retention.</p> <p>J Game attended the Trust Governance with Impact workshop held in November.</p>	Note and Agree
	AOB		<p>K Houghton discussed the question which was raised in ACM 1, the Governors fed back that it would be useful to share a Rag Report following 2022-2023 School Development Plan and how that shaped the focus' for the SDP this year. K Houghton fed back that there will be more discussion around how the targets are met and how they strive to achieve them. The Governors welcomed this.</p> <hr/> <p>It was agreed for the SEND Link Governor to complete two visits per year, ideally the first one to be done in the Autumn term. Clerk to send the Record of Visit form to the SEND Link Governor P Dickens.</p> <hr/> <p>S Wane, Head of Drama to send invites to the AC for the school performance of Oliver taking place on 28th, 29th Feb and 1st March.</p> <hr/> <p>J Game completed a Safeguarding visit with A Clayton, Deputy Head of School on 1st November.</p> <hr/> <p>The group discussed the recent GDC, the lengths the school are taking to avoiding Permanent Exclusions, but the sad necessity of them in some cases. They also discussed the paperwork for such meetings and how the paperwork can be structured to support the governing body understand the case even better.</p>	

	Meeting Dates:	<u>2023-24</u> Spring Term 14.03.2024 Summer Term 10.06.2024	The next meeting is 14 th March 2024.	Note
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Impact of Meeting / Key Outcomes
Governors received a presentation on Didsbury High School SEND Strategy
The Head of School report was discussed and reviewed by Governors
Governors approved the Safeguarding Policy

The meeting closed at 7pm.