



MEETING OF THE QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE

MONDAY 4th DECEMBER 2017, 9.30 AM – 11.00 AM

CRICKHOWELL HIGH SCHOOL

MINUTES

Attendees / Non-attendees: Mrs S. Farmer (SF), Mr A. Fryer (AF), Mrs J. Parker (JP), Mr S. Roberts (SR), Dr G. Williams (GW)

Highlighted Name – denotes Governor not attending

1.0	Apologies for Absence There were no apologies.	
2.0	Minutes of the Last Meeting / Matters Arising The minutes of the last meeting were accepted and there were no matters arising.	
3.0	Faculty Review Reports GW said we're in the process of writing Faculty Review Reports. The theme for the collective learning meetings has been curriculum planning and monitoring in terms of the impact on schemes of work, pedagogy,, assessment for learning and quality assurance. Where student surveys highlight any issues, additional support is put in place. MW is doing a great job as acting Director of Learning for English with great support from RJ. Once the English review report has been completed, a meeting will be arranged with Faculty staff to go through it. The Maths Faculty work has been a model of good practice across ERW. A series of meetings with individuals in the Science Department has been held to go through the Improvement Action Plan with them. Key meetings with TLR holders in the Science Faculty have established specific developmental areas of improvement. JP said we're reviewing potential training needs and ongoing informal support as necessary. AF said it's useful that we now have a process for drilling down into what is being taught and how it's being taught.	
4.0	Budget Implication for the Next Three Years	

	<p>JP advised the meeting that it is planned to put forward some suggestions to parents for funding opportunities and we now need to look at possible redundancy protocols. We're also looking at curriculum implications for reduced funding.</p> <p>We need to express our concerns more robustly, both with County and the Welsh Government.</p> <p>Following discussion, it was agreed that preliminary data will now be collected to put forward these concerns on behalf of the Governing Body.</p> <p>AF confirmed that he is now happy to go public, but we do need to clarify the situation with regard to the new build. SF stated that whatever we do next, we must ensure we first brief parents. AF said it was important to wait until we had the full budget allocation in the new year.</p> <p>SF confirmed she'd had a preliminary discussion with an independent planning consultant and said the next stage was for them to come in and meet with JP, AF and SR.</p> <p>SR asked if any progress had been made with either the ALN Manager, MG and the Head of ALN, ImB, at County. JP said no progress had been made and that a further meeting needs to be held with ImB.</p> <p>AF said he is becoming increasingly concerned about the financial situation in Powys with regard to schools.</p>	
<p>5.0</p>	<p>Core Visit One Update</p> <p>GW tabled a report detailing the results of the visit held earlier this year. The report is generally very positive. There has been strong progress made in most areas with the concern being Science. Once again, we've been classed as a Category A or Green school with excellent leadership.</p> <p>AF said we need to make sure we focus on deployment as well as ensuring the approach and plans are in place. JP agreed and stated that we're moving towards implementing action plans for each TLR holder to ensure this happens. A discussion was held.</p>	
<p>6.0</p>	<p>Curriculum Changes - Donaldson</p> <p>Years 7 and 8 Curriculum: . The new curriculum is developing well and the focus is centred on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drilling down into skills • Directors of Learning overseeing Faculty developments • Communications being more frequent with weekly bulletins to staff • Setting up some specific project teams in the spring term for Learning Leaders • Ongoing quality control. <p>JP reported that during the recent Year 9 Consultation Evening, feedback was generally good</p>	

	<p>JP said in the new term the focus will be on consistency of progress across Faculties for new schemes of development. We are also refining the mapping of skills against schemes of work</p> <p>GCSE Curriculum: JP reported that this is going ahead according to plans and new specification guidelines.</p>	
7.0	<p>Reporting and Recording Go4Schools</p> <p>Increasing Access: JP advised the meeting that prior to the Christmas break, we'll be opening up the portal to parents for Go4Schools providing them with increased access after the Christmas break. We'll also open the portal to students to enable them to find out their own targets.</p> <p>Target Setting: Using our Olympic context, students are given bronze, silver and gold targets. Staff have been asked to refine these aspirational targets with more quality control. GW said a carefully worded letter will be sent out to parents prior to this going live. Behaviour stats will also go live at this time. Attendance data will go live at a later date.</p>	GW
8.0	<p>Targets For 2017 - 2018</p> <p>GW said our targets will be slightly higher than this year. The underlying data suggests we have a similar cohort taking exams so achievements should be similar.</p> <p>JP said this will be the last year where we can achieve better results, as only the first entry will count towards the measure. Welsh Bacc currently counts twice, but the L2+ measure is Welsh Bacc, English, Maths and two other subjects. We await Welsh Government guidance on this.</p>	
9.00	<p>QA Calendar Update</p> <p>GW reported that Faculty Reviews are currently being carried out and reports produced as these are completed.</p>	
10.0	<p>New Estyn Framework</p> <p>JP stated that training has been conducted amongst staff and everyone has completed extensive training with AO. Training will be done with Governors during the spring and summer terms, so we're all comfortable with the new framework.</p>	
11.0	<p>Inclusion</p> <p>JP went through data for new admissions and one fixed term exclusion.</p> <p>The Wellbeing team continue to do a great job.</p>	

The meeting ended at 10.45 am.