

**EYNESBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING**

Held at the school on 27th April, 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Barbara Churms (BC) Mandy King (MK), Debbie Noonan (DN) (joined 7.50pm), Eileen Raggatt (ER) (chair), Kate George (KG), In attendance: Tracey Crawshaw (Camclerk)

<p>1. Welcome, introduction and apologies: Eileen Raggatt welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from and Caroline Truman (CT) (maternity leave). The meeting was quorate.</p>		
<p>2. Notices of General Business: The following documents are to be circulated to the 3 new governors: School Ethos and Vision School Development Plan (SDP) Self-Evaluation Form (SEF)</p>		
<p>3. Election of Chair (the clerk took the chair for this section) The clerk took over the meeting. E Raggatt was elected as chair and Kate George was elected as vice-chair. Both were appointed until the first meeting of the Autumn term.</p>		
<p>4. Senior Leadership report (MK) Curriculum The new curriculum will be reviewed by staff on the staff training day before the May half term; including reviewing year groups both vertically and horizontally and cross curricular links. The school has new teaching staff that were not part of the planning for the new curriculum. The class curriculum outline is placed on the website either termly or half termly for parents to view. Debbie Noonan joined the meeting. Governors enquired regarding mastery of the curriculum. This will be explained at the FGB meeting on 5 May 2016.</p>		
<p>5. Subject Overview: i) More Able, Gifted and Talented M King gave a verbal report and the following items were discussed: A new SENCO has been appointed and will also be the schools inclusion manager which will encompass More Able, Gifted and Talented pupils. More Able, Gifted and Talented pupils are part of the schools provision map which was explained to governors. Action 100.1 The provision map will be brought to the next meeting. ii) Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural M King gave a written report (from the SIAMS SEF May 2015) which is attached to the minutes.</p>	HR	
<p>5. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None</p>		
<p>6. Correspondence: None</p>		
<p>7. Minutes of Last Meeting 8th March, 2016: The minutes were agreed as a true record and were signed by the chair.</p>		
<p>8. Matters arising from Minutes not otherwise covered on the agenda: Page 1 - Rapid readers has been observed by Eileen Raggatt this evening before the meeting. Page 2 - Book scrutiny has taken place for literacy and topic books and feedback given informally to staff.</p>		
<p>9. Actions from previous meetings:</p>		
<p>Action96.3</p>	<p>Mandy King to contact the Methodist Church regarding the potential use of the kitchen. Mandy King has spoken with the Methodist Church. CLOSED Mandy King has also spoken to Tesco regarding their Food to Fork initiative and there are opportunities for the school to develop in the future. The FPP committee</p>	MK

Action 97.1	agreed to the location of cookery facilities in the Toasties room. The SEN policy on the website is to be updated to statutory requirements and the SEND report needs to be fuller. This item is still ongoing and will be Passed to the new SEND coordinator.	KW
Action 97.3	Governors to see the report from the recent Keeping In Touch visit. The KIT report has yet to be received. No KIT visit took place in the Spring term as Belinda Harvey was unavailable and the next visit is scheduled for the 13 May 2016. Action 100.2 Karl Wainwright as chair has been asked to contact the Local Authority regarding the level of service being received as it is a bought in service, any feedback on this is to be reported to the FPP committee . The role of the KIT visit was explained for the benefit of new governors. CLOSED	
Action 99.1	Calculations Policy to be uploaded to the school website. The policy has been uploaded to the website. CLOSED.	
10. Standards The item is to be carried over to the Full Governing Body meeting to be held on the 5 May 2016.		
11. Policy Reviews: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. English including Handwriting and Spelling. The policies was agreed with minor amendments and signed by the chair. Governors enquired if all pupils leaving the school at the age of 11 can read and write. Yes, children will be able to read, write and comprehend texts, there are some exceptions but these are rare. Reading aloud was discussed. Governors noted thanks to Mrs Pope for her hard work in the school library. 2. Freedom of Information. The policy was agreed and signed by the chair. The school does not receive many Freedom of Information requests. 		
14. Review of Policy Matrix Next meeting Senior Management Reports: None Curriculum Subject Reports: Computing (HR) Policy reviews: Healthy Eating (J P-M) Spiritual, Moral ,Social and Cultural (RG and HR)		
15. AOB: None		
16. Next meeting: Tuesday 12 July 2016 The meeting closed at 8:35pm		

Signed by the chair.....Date.....

Extract from SIAMS SEF: May 2015

3. Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development

- a. the breadth of experiences available to all learners through curricular and extracurricular activities;**
- b. how well the school offers opportunities for learners to reflect on and respond to beliefs, values and profound human experiences from a range of faith perspectives;**
- c. the extent to which the opportunities for spiritual, moral, social and cultural development are characterised by distinctively Christian values;**
- d. how well daily collective worship, religious education and other aspects of the curriculum enable learners to make informed choices which are based on Christian values;**
- e. the extent to which the school operates as a distinctively Christian community;**

The school offers the children high quality childcare in our active before and after school clubs, run by school staff. These offer children the chance to mix with children in other year groups, share play and craft experiences. In addition to these before and after school activities, there is a wide range of musical and sporting activities on offer to children as extracurricular activities, these include recorder club, handchimes, choir, orchestra, football, girls' football, tag rugby, netball, cross-country running, zumbatronics, fit-for-kids, multiskills etc.

All extracurricular activities have been validated by the Children's University, where children are able to achieve points towards their wider learning. Communion club is also on offer again this year. Communion club is a validated Children's University activity within the school, therefore recognised as an extended learning activity/ opportunity.

This year we have implemented the new national curriculum through the development of our new school curriculum. Topics maximise the links between subject areas. Visits and visitors enhance the children's learning experience in school and we also have three residential learning experiences through Key Stage 2 (Year 4 – Stibbington, Year 5 - Brancaster, Year 6 - Kingswood).

Through gaining an understanding of Christianity and the belief of other faiths, we have provided greater opportunities for learners to reflect on their beliefs and values. This is developed through enquiry-based learning, a 'window, mirror and door' approach – building from understanding and knowledge, opportunities for children to reflect and question and lead towards learners making informed choices and developing a value system which is developed on firm foundations. Our children are highly inquisitive and are not afraid to ask questions and challenge, something which is encouraged within the school.

The development of SMSC is identified as a strength within the school and an integrated throughout the curriculum.