

St Augustine's School

School improvement Group (SIG) meeting Wednesday 26th April 2017 at 4.00 pm

Item	Minute	Actions matters arising
Present:	<p>Foundation Governors; Dr D. Swiers (Chair), , Mrs M. Baines, Mrs E. Siddall (Vice Chair), Mrs K. Boyes ; Head Teacher Mr M. Taylor; Teacher Governor Miss A. Robinson; Parent Governor; Mrs L. Blake.</p> <p>By Invitation; Mr P. Griffin Deputy Head Teacher and Mr R. Earnshaw, Head of Faculty Mathematics</p> <p>Clerk: Mrs S. Brown</p> <p>Apologies for Absence; Fr. Pat Keogh and Canon E Gubbins, Mrs M. Harriott and Mrs J. Brierley</p> <p><u>3 Core functions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction 2. Holding the Head Teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance of management of staff 3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure it is money well spent. 	
SIG 51/17	<u>Opening Prayer</u> by Mr Taylor	
SIG 52/17	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Governors agreed consent to the apologies for absence.</p>	
SIG 53/17	<p><u>Declaration of interest</u></p> <p>To invite members to declare any interest in matters which are the subject of, or are connected with, any item of business on the agenda. No declarations were received.</p> <p><u>Confidential agenda items</u></p> <p>To consider if agenda items need to be treated as confidential and excluded from the published minutes- none taken</p>	
SIG 54/17	<p><u>Governing Body vacancies</u></p> <p><u>LA governor vacancy</u></p> <p>Michael Jaconelli has been nominated by the Authority to fill the Local Authority governor place on the St Augustine's RC School Governing Body; Governors were provided with the nominee's application form and references and governors agreed unanimously to appoint him to the governing body. The clerk is to inform the LA and Mr Jaconelli of the appointment.</p>	Clerk to inform LA and Mr Jaconelli
SIG 55/17	<p><u>Middle Leader report to Governors; Mr Earnshaw Head of Faculty Mathematics</u></p> <p>Introductions were made and Mr Earnshaw discussed with governors where the department was at and any issues.</p> <p>He said Raise on line results were good apart from Lower Prior Attainment Pupils (LPAP) and this is a focus area along with the new GCSE course and examination.</p> <p>Mr Earnshaw felt there were 3 issues with LPAP; historically not having a full complement of Maths teachers; the course offered did not suit the</p>	

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	<p>pupils and the lower ability pupils were not able keep up with the depth of knowledge required.</p> <p>The new Maths course has new content and the level of questioning is challenging.</p> <p>The solutions to the issues have been the appointment of a new Maths teacher for September 2017 who is very experienced at Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4.</p> <p>Number, shape and algebra will be taught on a termly basis instead of weekly to fully embed the pupil's knowledge.</p> <p>Governors asked who were the LPAP pupils and were informed it involves 13 pupils, mainly set 4, with only a few in set 2 and 3.</p> <p>Governors asked if the Teaching Assistant support was on board with the new curriculum for 1 to 1 study, and Mr Earnshaw replied he wanted the TA in the class with the teacher, supporting pupils not 1 to 1 and that there is a Maths student teacher taking small groups out to push the LPAP forward.</p> <p>Governors asked if he felt the KS2 SATS were an accurate account of pupil ability and he responded that the new scale means nothing at the moment and all teachers are unsure how to compare old levels against new.</p> <p>Governors asked if his previous predictions for results had been accurate and he confirmed they had, asked for his predictions for the current Y11 results. Mr Earnshaw predicts 82% of pupils will achieve A*-C grades with 24% achieving A*-A. The suggestion is that the new grading a C will equal a 4.</p> <p>Mr Earnshaw said he will be more confident when the course has run a couple of years and the boundaries are known.</p> <p>Governors asked what new resources had been purchased - He has purchased new text books that have problem solving questions, which is useful for the new exam questioning.</p> <p>Mr Earnshaw said pupils enjoyed Maths at St Augustine's with the Maths club well established with many Y7 and Y8 pupils involved.</p> <p>The Maths Challenge is to be re-established.</p> <p>Some Year 10 and Year 11 students are also studying Further Maths. All top set children are invited to study FM and those who take it up enjoy it. The 6th Form Maths department have said they can tell the pupils who have come from St Augustine's because of their depth of knowledge.</p> <p>Cross curriculum meetings have flagged more mathematical content in Geography and Science, and the departments are working well together over this.</p> <p>Governors thanked Mr Earnshaw and he left the meeting.</p>	
<p>SIG 56/17</p>	<p><u>Minutes of the last meeting.</u> (Previously distributed) The minutes of the FGB meeting held on 22nd March 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
<p>SIG 57/17</p>	<p><u>Matters arising</u> 10/01/17 <u>Emergency Response guide.</u></p>	<p>Exemplar of Emergency Response guide</p>

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	An exemplar is yet to be received from NYCC	
SIG 58/17	<u>Safeguarding (Previously Behaviour & Safety)</u> Annual Statement on Safeguarding c/f Summer FGB agenda	
SIG 59/17	<u>CMAT</u> The Chair gave an update on the progress of the Northern and Central Catholic Multi Academy Trust teams. The conversion to a Catholic Multi Academy trust will now likely take place mid-2018.	
SIG 60/17	<u>Head Teacher' report</u> <u>Attendance data</u> Attendance is slightly up on this time last year with 95.14% <u>Exclusions</u> No change since the last meeting <u>Visit to the school by the Bishop</u> The Bishop has cancelled his visit to the school on 22 nd June due to other commitments.	
SIG 61/17	<u>Governor visits to school</u> <u>MFL</u> The Link governor for MFL visited the department on 30 th March and gave a very positive report after observing 5 different lessons in both French and German. The governor felt lessons were well prepared, pupils were actively engaged in their learning, tasks were challenging and questions were directed to challenge and involve all pupils. Classroom management was excellent with high standards of behaviour expected and maintained. Pupils remained focused and on task and were keen to learn. It was agreed that governors would visit departments following the Heads of Faculty attendance at SIG meetings. It was agreed that Mrs Boyes would visit the Maths department and the Vice Chair would meet regarding Lower Prior Attainment Pupils	
SIG 62/17	<u>Governor training</u> 3 Governors are booked on the summer governor SINS on 18 th May 1 governor will attend the Induction and Ongoing Formation of Staff training on 7 th June.	
SIG 63/17	<u>Finance matters</u> The FMIS officer will be in school to meet with the Bursar on 27 th April	
SIG 64/17	<u>Any Other business</u> Governors agreed the SIG and FGB would meet monthly but when setting the dates, not include holiday periods.	
SIG 65/17	Dates for St Augustine's Masses and Services and Retreats until Summer Holidays 2017- First Fridays (Lunchtime in A4 12.35-1pm) 5 th May ,9 th June,7 th July Special Masses, Feasts and Services.	

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	<p>Wednesday 28th June Year 11 Leavers' Mass (St Peter's Church 10 am followed by a buffet (venue to be confirmed)</p> <p>Thursday 29th June Feast of St Peter and Paul Masses in school (9.15am-10.15am)</p> <p>Friday 21st July Thanksgiving Masses End of School Year in school (9.15am/10.15am)</p> <p>Year Group Retreat Dates 2017 (run by MY Mission Team)</p> <p>St George's Church, Eastfield. 9.45am-2.40pm</p> <p>Year 8 Friday 7th July</p>	
SIG 66 /17	<p>Policies</p> <p>Governors approved the Non-examination assessment policy 2017</p>	
	<p>The meeting closed at 4.57pm</p>	
	<p><u>Date of the next meeting</u></p> <p>Strategic Improvement Group 4pm: 12th July 2017</p> <p>Full Governing Body meeting: 6pm: Summer 13th June</p>	