

Minutes of the Standards Committee Meeting Held on Tuesday 12 May 2015 – Staff Room
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Present:	Shri Footring (Chair)	Craig Davidson	Chris Humpage
	Liam Purnell	Nick Spenceley (Principal)	Jamie Spracklen
	Natalie Tickle		
In attendance:	Theresa Cope (Clerk to the Corporation)	Sarah Chamberlain (AP, Head of 6 th Form)	John Driver (DP Curriculum & Quality)
	Eileen O’Gara (Director of Commercial Development) (for item 65/14 only)	John Revill (Vice Principal)	Sam Coombes (Head of Student Services) (for item 70/14 only)
	Justine Selman (AP Quality Improvement)		

60/14 Apologies for absence

No apologies had been received.

61/14 Eligibility & quoracy

All members were eligible & the meeting was quorate.

62/14 Declaration of interests

No declarations of interests had been received.

63/14 Minutes of previous meeting (10 Mar ‘15) & progress against matters arising

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 March 2015 were agreed & signed by the Chair as an accurate record.

There were no matters arising.

64/14 Report of actions taken by the Chair on behalf of the Corporation

There were no actions to be reported.

65/14 Employer Responsive provision

The Director of Commercial Development provided a detailed overview of the paper.

Subcontracted provision was expected to exceed allocation and a decision was awaited from the SFA as to whether the growth case had been successful.

Overall success rates had dropped over the last 3 years.

Most of the Top 10 national apprenticeship frameworks were offered by the College and those that currently were not, would commence in September '15. These were also matched to SELEP (South East Local Enterprise Partnerships) priorities.

EOG was asked if she had any thoughts as to why the national averages were declining? It was recognised that the SFA had changed how they calculated the success rate. The rules of engagement had also changed. Both of these would have an impact.

It was noted that Functional Skills would change to City & Guilds next year.

(JD joined the mtg @ 4:46pm; EOG left the mtg @ 4:48pm)

66/14 Ofsted Action Plan

[Taken as agenda item 8]

JD gave an overview of the paper & advised that progress was being achieved overall & was continually being monitored.

JD gave a verbal update on the action points to date.

An overview was also given of the 11 previous OAP's as highlighted in April 2013.

67/14 Teaching & Learning update

[Taken as agenda item 7].

JMS provided a full overview of the paper. A total of 173 formal lesson observations had been carried out with a total of 7 teachers who had not yet been observed.

JMS advised that the ATP team was currently being re-structured with the intention to provide more consistent support across the College.

(JMS left the mtg @ 17:05)

68/14 College Dashboard

The Principal provided an overview of the paper which provided a broad indication.

(SQC joined the mtg @ 17:45)

69/14 Curriculum Progress update

An overview of the paper was provided.

Student numbers to be included in the attendance table in order that governors can clearly identify areas of concern.

Overall, retention had increased compared to the same time last year. Final success rates for both AS & A2 could still exceed last year & this was being closely monitored.

The predictions for both AS & A2 Value Added (VA) were very good. This year's prediction for both AS & A2, if achieved, would put the College in the top 10 per cent nationally.

Future reports on predicted outcomes for male, female & disadvantaged students would also provide information on high needs students as well as those students in care & those being looked after.

Please refer to Appendix F that relates to "At Risk" courses.

70/14 Prevention of Extremism strategy

SQC presented a Powerpoint presentation.

Governors would undertake extensive training later this week (14 May) with an external trainer. Governors should remember that this was an extension of & incorporated into Safeguarding procedures.

(SQC left the mtg @ 18:15)

71/14 Urgent AoB

- **HE Student Feedback/Reports**

A new standing item would be added to the agenda (from June 2015) to allow JWS to provide feedback and/or reports with regards to HE provision. The HE Review was due in May 2016 & it was important to receive student feedback.

- **Date of next meeting (9 June 2015)**

The next meeting was scheduled to be held on 9 June 2015. Committee agreement was sought to postpone the next meeting by 2 weeks to Tues 23 June 2015 @ 4:30pm.

Committee agreed to postpone the meeting by 2 weeks.

The Clerk would email committee members to confirm the change of date.

The meeting finished at 18:27

The next meeting will be held on Tues 23 June 2015 (@ 4:30pm).