



## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE OF TRING SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY HELD ON THURSDAY 10 MARCH 2011 – 5PM

### Present:

Mr A Watson (Acting Chair), Mr B Scarth, Mr A Dobberson, Mr N Barlow, Mrs D Turner, Rev. H Bellis, Mrs L Whitesmith.

### In Attendance:

Mrs E Smith (Clerk)

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs S Hall, Mrs A Walters

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

### 3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13 JANUARY 2011

Approved.

### 4. MATTERS ARISING

None.

### 5. POLICY REVIEW:

#### A. Admissions Policy

Governors raised the issue of the number of allocated Church places. Governors discussed the wording of the Admissions Policy and requested clarification on criteria. Mr Dobberson will invite a representative – Dan Hardy (Admissions Policy Strategy Manager) from County to attend the next meeting to discuss Admissions Policies.

### Action

**AJD to invite Mr Hardy to the next meeting**

**AW will contact County re clarification on admissions criteria**

### 6. DISCUSSION:

#### i) School Plan: Governor Objectives for School Plan:

- Governors need to be more proactive
- Attend Parent's Evenings
- New ID badges would be needed
- Diary system: appointments six months in advance on a rota basis
- Governors update on the Newsletter to parents and other Governors
- Regular items on the newsletter
- Committee Chair to feed back to the full governing body on discussions

- Ask each committee member to give a brief outline of the part they play in the governing body and how they feel they contribute to the governing body and their committee. Governors felt that out of these discussions a vision would develop
- A letter from parents to the governors re: students smoking near the netball courts; was discussed and Mr Barlow confirmed that governors are not involved in operational matters.
- Trips: Governors felt that any places on trips not paid for by parents should be linked to departmental budgets. Mr Watson proposed that this should be taken forward to the governing body and Mr Scarth seconded the proposal. Mr Dobberson asked if it could be put forward that non-curricular trips such as skiing are replaced with less expensive giving a broader choice for a wider part of the community.
- Mr Barlow spoke about Positive Attitude to Learning. We have moved a long way forward to make the handbook and planners clear to staff and students. Uniform is being tightened up. Mr Barlow informed the governors that in assemblies this year, the focus was on behaviour and sanctions. He explained to the students that next year the emphasis will be on rewards. Mr Barlow wants to develop the student council and said that students do not feel they have a role.

## **7. REPORT:**

### **Safe Guarding**

- A date will be set in two weeks time to discuss Visitors and ID badges. Mr Watson will attend the meeting with Mr Barlow.
- There have 6 incidence of Bullying and 2 Racist incidences.
- Mr Barlow informed the committee that there is a new police sergeant – Adele Hopkins in Tring. She has visited the school and is very proactive and supportive.

## **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr Scarth commented that at the last committee meeting on 18 November 2011, the Behaviour policy was reviewed under item 6 ii: Behaviour Management System. It was not minuted that the policy had been approved by the committee. Mr Scarth therefore requests that the policy is approved today and will be reported at the next General Governing Body meeting.

***Behaviour Policy approved for submission to full Governing Body***

## **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:**

5 May 2011 – 5pm - Connexions