



North Ridge Academy Council Meeting Wednesday 5th July 2023 at 13:00 North Ridge Academy

Those Present:		
Lisa Suter	Executive Headteacher	LS
Sam MacDonald	Head of School	SMc
Sacha Schofield	Nexus MAT Executive Regional Director and Chair	Chair
Jacky Tattershall	Nexus MAT Assistant CEO/Nexus Officer in Attendance	JT
Sue Kenny	Staff (Support) Governor	SK
Sam Lee	Staff Governor	SL
Jim Phillips	Parent Governor	JP
Jade Solar	Deputy Head & Senior Designated Safeguarding Lead	JS
Darren Dickenson	Executive Lead Primary (Observer)	DD
Also Present:		
Lyndsay Foster	Governance Clerk	Clerk
Apologies:		
Rachel Potts	Nexus Director and Governor	RP
Claire Garbutt	Appointed Governor	CG

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Actions
<p>1.1. To receive apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologise received from CG & RP.</p>	
<p>1.2. To accept apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologise accepted from CG & RP.</p>	
2. BEST WE CAN BE AWARDS	
<p>2.1. Best We Can Be Awards</p> <p>LS explained that it has previously proven difficult to single out individual staff. This month's nominee was Tracey (Front of House). All staff have since been forwarded staff comments from the nominations. Tracey attended the Academy Council meeting to receive her award.</p> <p>Nominee comments to come through to Clerking services to distribute.</p>	<p>ACTION: CLERKING SERVICES</p>
3. ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS	
<p>3.1. Chair to determine any items of urgent business to be considered.</p> <p>JT asked about leavers and destinations on the Post 16 pupils? SMc informed the only one pupil I without a place, they have been offered a place but the pupil's parent has not yet accepted. There's 1 for Doncaster College and 1 pupil for Project Choice. Some have moved onto The Bridge. Pupil with Project Choice was chair on school's pupil parliament and he's already shown an interest to continue in a similar role within college; this particular pupil has also been nominated for a Princess Trust Award. Pupil A has shown enormous achievements getting the bus alone and has passed his Gold award in Duke of Edinburgh. SS said this was a fantastic achievement. JT said this evidence how the Curriculum school has created is working and pupils are achieving. SMc stated Secondary having new leads in place like Primary has made a huge impact. SS discussed the high absence from the Head Report. There are lots of medical issues that have led to an increase in absence from covid to sickness bugs, scarlet fever. They have kept the covid related cleaning programme on within school to try alleviate this</p> <p>JT asked what support programme is in place for the new Assistant Head going into this role? LS informed Hannah has come into the SLT role straight from Classroom and is now non-teaching and working alongside SMc & JS. SMc discussed how her evolving role was expanding on her behaviour lead. JS able to mentor from similar experience.</p> <p>JT asked is it a large team she's managing?</p>	

SMc stated she's currently working with the large team but there are no issues.	
4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	
4.1. Individual Governors to declare any personal, business or other governance interests on any item on the agenda None.	
5. NORTH RIDGE SCHOOL LOCAL GOVERNING BODY MINUTES	
5.1. To approve the minutes of the following meeting: The minutes of the meeting held 8 th March 2023 were approved as a true record.	
5.2. Review of Action Tracker The outstanding actions on the tracker were reviewed and updated.	
5.3. Matters arising from the Minutes There were no matters arising.	
6. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED	
6.1. Headteacher Report LS was thanked for a comprehensive report and supporting documents. LS provided an overview of the report and provided the following updates. Pupil B entered the meeting to talk to the Academy Council about Pupil Parliament, Pupil parliament requested Playground supplies and received a large connect 4 and on Red Nose Day - wet sponges were thrown at a teacher to raise money. Pupil B passed photos round the room. Pupil B also said that Pupil Parliament helped serve drinks at School Sports Day and it was a very hot day. SMc said that the school received lots of positive feedback from parents/carers who attended sports day. LS stated she was really impressed with the Sports Day attendance from parents with around 75 in attendance. Pupil Parliament also got to visit the Mansion which they really enjoyed. SS asked Pupil B if they get to do fun things? Pupil B stated they had a long-sponsored walk planned to raise some more funds. SS thanked Pupil B for coming into the meeting and talking to everyone about the work of Pupil Parliament. LS said that Pupil Parliament have views that help make a difference around school and they want to have regular meetings. SS asked if she could send a letter to Pupil B on behalf of the Academy Council? Pupil B and SMc stated yes.	ACTION: SS 15/11/23

<p>LS discussed seesaw journal. LS informed they were reviewing the daily seesaw message.</p> <p>LS said they had acted on staff feedback with regards curriculum time and this can be taken weekly or termly.</p>	
<p>6.1.1 School SIP</p> <p>Report discussed.</p>	
<p>6.1.2 School SEF</p> <p>JT asked if school had decided on their overall grading?</p> <p>LS confirmed that the school continues to self-assess as 'good and stated it was a very good school with outstanding features and currently working towards Outstanding. There's a good quality curriculum and some areas require more expansion.</p>	
<p>6.2. Community Voice</p> <p>SS said that report will go into Headteacher report to save repetition from September. LS said the work around community voice was very good in school.</p> <p>LS shared NTP hit target of 750 hours and they are currently on over 800. Money being used for well-being support in school with 2 Apprenticeships starting in September.</p> <p>LS discussed how positive parent/carers questionnaires were.</p> <p>SMc discussed the website and that each class has own page but parents don't always access it. They are and looking forward to the new website which is much user friendly and a meeting is arranged for w/c 10th July 23.</p>	
<p>6.3. Budget Report</p> <p>LS stated she knew they had to be mindful and that attitudes towards resources needed to change. They are now doing inventories.</p> <p>LS discussed they are looking into purchasing some storage for things to go away when not required.</p> <p>SS said it was hard to profile a 3-year budget until pay offer is finalised.</p>	
<p>6.4. School Calendar</p> <p>No questions raised.</p>	
<p>7. TRUST MATTERS</p>	
<p>7.1. Trust Verbal Update of Key Issues</p> <p>SS informed that the Trust was continuing with its growth and from September. The Willows are coming onboard, Nexus has been named as a sponsor for Holgate Meadows and Bents Green are in consultation. There's also bids in for AP free schools.</p> <p>Nexus Trust Sports Day is 17th July 23.</p>	

8. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS	
<p>8.1. To consider any other urgent business agreed by the Chair</p> <p>Register of Interest Reminder was issued to governors.</p> <p>JT asked who was responsible for Duke of Edinburgh, and gave praise as pupils had achieved Silver award across school and the one student Gold. SK stated she was in charge of Duke of Edinburgh and that Willows have contacted school to get on board. SK discussed how pupils enjoyed making memories. LS stated that pupils came in boasting about having the best time at Scout Camp - Walesby. SK said that they have plenty of equipment from the D of E.</p> <p>SS commented on be a good idea to get the Duke of Edinburgh into school to see their achievements.</p> <p>SMc gave praise and round of applause for LS for what she's brought to the school and how she's mentored and moulded him to feel confident to guide the school into its next chapter.</p>	
9. CONFIDENTIALITY & RISK	
<p>9.1. To consider the confidentiality of any items discussed during the meeting</p> <p>None.</p>	

10. DATES OF NEXT MEETING		
Wednesday 15 th November 2023	13:00 – 15:00	North Ridge Academy
Wednesday 6 th March 2024	13:00 – 15:00	North Ridge Academy
Wednesday 3 rd July 2024	13:00 – 15:00	North Ridge Academy

CHAIR	SIGNATURE	DATE