



**Kenwood Academy Council – West Riding Committee
Thursday 22 February 2024 at 15:30
West Riding Campus, Ardsley Road, Worsborough,
Barnsley, S70 4RG**

Present:		
Richard Webster	Strategic Transition Lead/Chair	RW
Michelle Sault	Co-Headteacher	MS
Richard Hadfield	Co-Headteacher	RH
Kerry James	Staff Governor	KJ
Ozlem Mendil	Staff Governor	OM
Donna Saunders-Wild	Parent Governor	DS-W
Sacha Schofield (via Teams)	Executive Regional Director	SS
Nathan Wood-Hague	Parent Governor	NW-H
Also Present:		
Renata Robins	Governance Clerk	Clerk
Apologies:		

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Actions
1.1. To receive apologies for absence No apologies were received.	
1.2. To accept apologies for absence No apologies were accepted.	
1.3. Confirmation of Vice Chair MS to consult governors and report back at the next meeting.	Action: MS 23.05.24
2. BEST WE CAN BE AWARDS	
2.1. Best We can Be Awards – to be discussed	

<p>MS informed the committee that all staff were recognized for their contribution to school life at the end of last year, and this practice was likely to continue. Staff governors supported this approach, finding it fair and fostering a relaxed atmosphere of appreciation</p> <p>Staff governors tasked with considering a suitable title and presenting their findings at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Action: KJ & OM 23.05.24</p>
<p>3. ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS</p>	
<p>3.1. Chair to determine any terms of urgent business to be considered</p> <p>None raised.</p>	
<p>4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</p>	
<p>4.1. Individual Governors to declare any personal, business or other governance interests on any item on the agenda</p> <p>None declared.</p>	
<p>5. KENWOOD ACADEMY COUNCIL – WEST RIDING COMMITTEE LOCAL GOVERNANCE MINUTES</p>	
<p>5.1. To approve the minutes of the following meeting:</p> <p>Kenwood Academy Council – West Riding Committee meeting held on 16 November 2023.</p> <p>The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record.</p>	
<p>5.2. Review Action Tracker</p> <p>Action tracker was reviewed and updated as appropriate.</p>	
<p>6. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED</p>	
<p>6.1. Headteacher Report</p> <p>MS directed governors to the main key headline points of the report and invited questions.</p> <p>Post 16 Provision: Parent governors expressed their support for the post 16 provision agreed with Barnsley Council to be based at the Nexus head office 'Enterprise Works' across from Meadowhall and agreed that this would broaden students' horizons. MS confirmed that a visit would be arranged for interested parents to view the provision once in operation, probably October/November this year.</p> <p>RH asked if there were transport links with Meadowhall? MS confirmed that Barnsley Council would look into transport provision and stated that there is a tram station on the same site as Enterprise Works.</p> <p>Behaviour and Attitudes: MS reported that she had made a slight adjustment in Behaviour and Attitudes, transitioning from 'Good or Better' to 'Good Insecure.' This shift was attributed to several suspensions primarily stemming from external factors such as social media,</p>	<p>Action: MS Oct/Nov 2024</p>

home life, and police involvement infiltrating the school environment. Despite this, overall satisfaction remained high among both staff and students.

Chair asked if there was a need for online training?

MS responded that 'Wake up Wednesday' online information was sent out every week. The school constantly did online training with all pupils. Information and support were provided to parents and the school directs them to the training.

Chair asked if it was up to the parents to do the training themselves?

DS-W responded that some parents would not engage but it would be worth a try for the school to put on sessions.

Chair asked RH if he had experienced similar problems at the Sheffield campus?

RH responded that they experience similar problems and they see it as an issue that affects all young people in the country. Incidents in school are linked to things outside of school and the school follows the government guidance in addressing the issues.

Chair asked if the recent government guidance on the restriction of the use of mobile phones in schools have an impact?

MS stated that it would not have an impact, as all students hand in their phones to the office at the beginning of the day. That is not the issue. The issue is them having their phones outside of school. Some parents have taken the phones of the students and it has made a positive difference.

Building Work:

MS confirmed that this was now on track for handover on 25 March.

Chair asked if it was the Nexus IT department that would be coming over to the building?

MS confirmed this to be the case.

School Improvement:

RH asked if MS thought the introduction of the Cornerstone primary curriculum model would reduce staff workload?

MS replied that she thought it would, as it could be personalised to what West Riding want it to do. MS has a meeting scheduled with Emma Bellamy and a Cornerstone representative on 13 March to take this forward.

Attendance Data:

RW enquired what 'auditing barriers to attendance' meant, following MS meeting with Joanne Cliff on 15 January?

MS responded that she was given an attendance audit document by Joanne Cliff which documents all the barriers to children attending school. Utilising the audit MS has had a positive impact in getting two students back into school.

NW-H stated that he welcomed the Moments Matter – Attendance Counts information sent out to parents.

Personal Development:

Chair enquired if governors would be invited to see the art work produced by students displayed in situ, in the new building when finished?

MS stated that this would be organised when the new building was finished.

RH asked if MS was receiving support from Nexus?

<p>MS stated that she was through Emma Bellamy, Jackie Tattershall; and Sacha Schofield to come up with a plan for further support in terms of leadership capacity in the interim.</p> <p>SS confirmed that Nexus would be enhancing school capacity. Given the slim chance of securing a deputy head before September, Nexus is considering seconding a consultant to assist in establishing the curriculum for September and aiding in annual reviews. Final confirmation on this matter is expected next week.</p> <p>Report received.</p> <p>6.1.1. Updated SIP No update.</p> <p>6.1.2. School SEF No update other than slight change to Behaviour and Attitudes. RH inquired if MS believed the school's self-evaluation appeared strong? MS concurred with RH's assessment but expressed her willingness to provide a detailed overview of the SEF if any governors required it.</p>	
<p>6.2. School Dashboard Summary</p> <p>Report received, noting MS comments above regarding Behaviour and Attitudes.</p>	
<p>6.3. Budget Report</p> <p>RH inquired if MS believed the financial outlook looked solid? MS concurred with RH's assessment of West Riding's budget.</p> <p>Report received.</p>	
<p>6.4. School Calendar</p> <p>NW-H asked when the committee were referring to the year, was that the year January to December or school year September to July? MS confirmed it was academic year September to July.</p> <p>The school calendar was received for the 2024-25 academic year.</p>	
<p>6.5. Skills Audit – Governor Self-Assessment</p> <p>Chair introduced this item. Skills audit handed out to governors by clerk and to be sent out electronically also, to be completed within a 2-week period. The audit was self-explanatory and the aim of the audit was to prompt governor self-evaluation to gather where the knowledge was across the Trust.</p>	<p>Action:</p> <p>Clerking Services 26.02.24</p>
<p>7. TRUST MATTERS</p>	
<p>7.1 Trust Verbal Update of key issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair conveyed Nexus's gratitude to the governors for their dedicated time and effort in serving on the academy council. • A number of applications and interviews have taken place for free schools, awaiting notification/confirmation. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enterprise Works presents a fantastic opportunity for 6th form students to collaborate and engage. With a proposed café located on the ground floor, there is immense potential for it to not only align with the curriculum but also to serve as an employability hub. The aim is to forge partnerships to enhance these offerings, recognizing that this endeavour is still evolving. Nexus is expanding and discussing student numbers with local authorities. Nexus is also exploring setting up hubs within maintained schools to promote inclusive practices. 	
8. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS	
8.1 To consider any other urgent business None.	
9. CONFIDENTIALITY	
9.1 To consider the confidentiality of any items discussed during the meeting None.	
9. DATES OF NEXT MEETING	

Thursday 23 rd May 2024	15:30 – 17:30	Kenwood – West Riding Campus
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Minutes approved

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