



FULBRIDGE ACADEMY
MINUTES OF CURRICULUM & STANDARDS
VIRTUAL MEETING @ 2PM
8th July 2021

Present: Helen Bath, Lucy Edwards, Ben Erskine, Lorna Finch, Chris Such
Apologies: Isabelle Watts
Absent: Chloe Coles
Clerk: Fiona Pais

1. Welcome & Apologies

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Declaration of interest

None declared.

3. Matters arising

No actions from the previous meeting outstanding.

4. Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes were agreed as a correct record of the last meeting.

5. Presentation on adaptations to the curriculum for next year (Science, History & Geography) - Chris Such presented to the committee.

The school has had the opportunity to overhaul the above subject curriculum plans ready for September.

Chris overviewed what makes an excellent curriculum plan to the group and gave examples of this. The lockdowns enabled the staff to accelerate these curriculum plans to be ready for September.

Chris showed the group what a lesson plan would look like to ensure that the teachers come into the subject with the expertise needed to teach the required topic. Every topic will have its own reading text to embed the topic.

The curriculum we have created has been shared on social media platforms and has had over 12 thousand shares which means that Fulbridge is supporting other schools in their curriculum.

CHAIR - It is incredible that we are supporting many others in curriculum development, have we analysed how it's working for Fulbridge pupils?

The plans will be rolled out in September so as soon as teachers start teaching in September it will take time to embed and analysis will be rolled out in such a way so that we are planning for the future and making amendments as needed.

GOV - This sounds like a lot of work for the teaching staff?

Staff Gov - We have been given a lot of opportunities during CPD to work on the new curriculum and I am looking forward to September. We are able to ask lots of questions and are given times with our phases to work through things.

GOV - LC how do you see it as a parent?

I find it great and think it's good that learning follows through all year groups, not just isolated to a particular lesson.

GOV - Can this be adapted for students that may need it?

One of the key aspects in making sure it works is finding out where the balance lies for the pupils' needs. The nature of lockdown means that there are lots of aspects in which we may need to be more flexible than normal to allow for catch up. It's really important that you keep the 2 extremes of our students in parallel.

Children that struggle often need to see things from a different angle and that can be worked through as required.

Chris left the meeting at 14.23pm

6. Policy Review - None at present.

7. Learning Walk - The next learning walk will take place in person in September.

8. SEND report update

The Principal overviewed the report provided.

When looking at the curriculum that Chris overviewed it is interesting to see that in particular Phase 2's SEND needs are very high and staff will need to address their needs. Principal advised that the staff will adapt as required.

ACTION - Chair asked for EB to attend a future meeting to talk through her report so governors can get a better understanding.

9. Overall impact on school closure this year

Principal believed the impact will be seen in the longer term rather than the short term in the younger children.

An example of this is that Year 1 will still cover a lot of the Reception phonics before moving onto the year 1 phonics, the same with year 1 / 2 and 2 / 3 next year to ensure they are covering everything needed.

Long term we are adapting our timetable so that over the next academic year, the previous years learning is consolidated before moving onto the current year learning.

GOV - Did you undertake any mock SATS?

Principal - Yes, the year 6 team has done a really good job and we were pleased with the results.

On the whole children don't get to year 6 and are nervous about the exams. They are mostly excited to prove what they can achieve. We found that if we were to have had 8 weeks we missed because of lockdown, we would have achieved our targets.

This supports the fact that the older children have not been affected so much by the lockdowns.

10. Any other business

None

Meeting finished at 14.37

Date of next meeting

18th November 21

ACTION POINT	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY
1	EB to attend a future meeting to talk through the SEND report.	Clerk