

Samuel Whitbread Academy (SWA) – Governing Body Meeting – Published Minutes - Tuesday 29th March 2022

Item		Action
1	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Attending the online meeting in addition to the governors were Clerk, Associate Principal (RC), Assistant Principal (TR), Assistant Principal (CH), Vice Principal (IB) and BEST Chair of Trustees (IB) and BEST Trustee (PW), BEST Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Operating Officer (COO).</p> <p>Apologies – One governor was absent. Apologies were accepted. Declarations of Interest – No interests were declared.</p>	
2	<p>Two Tier</p> <p>BEST’s Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer delivered a verbal update on the two tier process. Governors discussed Schools for the Future process and the BEST COO addressed questions and concerns from governors. The governors thanked the Trust for attending.</p>	
3	<p>LGB’s understanding and use of the school’s current performance data, including IDSR, to support and challenge the school</p> <p>The Vice Principal gave a presentation on the IDSR report provided.</p>	
4	<p>Safeguarding and SEN</p> <p>The Assistant Principal gave a verbal update and answered Governor questions on Safeguarding and SEN plans provided. He spoke about staffing issues in support roles and training provided.</p>	
5	<p>Review of Equality Objectives</p> <p>The Assistant Principal updated and answered Governor questions on the equality plan provided.</p>	
6	<p>Behaviour & Attitudes</p> <p>The Assistant Principal gave a presentation and overview on behaviour. She spoke about behaviour data, updates to processes and the impact of the new behaviour policy and answered Governor questions.</p>	

7	<p>Pupil Premium (PP)</p> <p>The Associate Principal presented an update on Pupil Premium (PP) and discussed governor questions. Governors asked about attendance and the impact of the SLT mentoring programme.</p>	
8	<p>Principal's Report</p> <p>The Principal gave a verbal update, highlighting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mocks for Y11 and Y13. • Covid cases. • Year 8 student places. • Student events: Spring Concert, Dance Show, 120 students on DofE, international debates online and visit to Bedford observatory. • Department reviews. • Attendance. • New behaviour policy. <p>Governors discussed rising energy costs. The Principal explained measures put in place for this. Governors asked about numbers for Year 9 starting in September. The Principal discussed numbers. The Principal will pass on thanks from LGB to staff covering lessons.</p>	
9	<p>Governor Link Feedback From Visits</p> <p>Governors added reports to Governor Hub. Governor discussed reports.</p>	
10	<p>School Calendar - Upcoming events & governor attendance</p> <p>Governors agreed to attend Arts events. Governors will confirm events attending this term to Clerk.</p>	
11	<p>Governor Training</p> <p>The Chair updated on Governor Training available. Governors discussed issues with CBC training sessions being rescheduled or cancelled.</p>	
12	<p>Policies</p> <p>Pre read: E-Safety Policy, Special Educational Needs Policy, SWA Fire Safety Management plan, Anti-Bullying Policy 2022 (updated 28.3.22)</p>	

	Governors confirmed they were happy to adopt the E-Safety, Special Educational Needs, SWA Fire Safety Management plan, Anti-Bullying policies.	
13	Minutes of the previous meeting Governors confirmed they had read the minutes from the last meeting. Minutes from the LGB meeting on 8 th February 2022 were agreed.	
14	Next meeting date Tuesday 24 th May. Virtual Meeting	