

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WHITCHURCH HIGH SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY HELD
AT THE SCHOOL ON 26TH SEPTEMBER 2022**

PRESENT	Sian Hopkins	Partnership
	Joyce Slack	Partnership
	Max Vine	Partnership
	David Collins	Partnership
	Denise Kelland	Community
	David Roylance	Community
	Hayley Jeans	Parent
	Ashley Collins	Parent
	David Revill	Parent
	Lisa Williams	Parent
	David Greaves	Parent
	Maria Boffey	Parent
	Mark Powell	Headteacher
	Nick John	Teacher Governor
	Noreen Linforth	Teacher Governor
	Richard Burge	Staff Governor
	Arwen Stepway	Associate Pupil
	Zack Qumellil	Associate Pupil
	Scott Britt	Deputy Head (Observer)
	Steve Williams	Estates (Observer)
	Ceri Garland	Teacher
	Claire Hollings	Assistant Head
	Caroline Robson	Acting Assistant Head
	Gareth Coombs	Clerk to the Governors

(Gareth Coombs in the Chair)

1 ELECTION OF CHAIR: 2022-2023

Sian Hopkins was the only nomination and was duly elected as Chair.

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2 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR: 2022-2023

Joyce Slack was the only nomination and was duly elected as Vice Chair.

3 APOLOGIES

Paul Bulpin: Ceri Reed; Wayne Lilly.

4 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 29th June 2022 were confirmed as a correct record. There were no matters arising.

5 APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNOR

Councillor Jackie Jones was appointed as a Community Governor to fill a vacancy. Councillor Jones would be invited to attend the next meeting.

6 SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

This was a standing item for the agenda.

A full presentation was given by Caroline Robson, Deputy Head, regarding Safeguarding and Child Protection at the school. The presentation covered the following areas:-

- The All Wales Child Protection Procedures covering “Neglect”; “Physical Abuse”; “Sexual Abuse”; “Emotional Abuse”; “Financial Abuse”.
- Contextualising Safeguarding
- Prevention
- My Concern software used to record and report concerns.
- The allocation of concerns to appropriate teams.

7 HEADTEACHER’S REPORT – Mark Powell

A full presentation was given covering the following areas:-

- Key Developments 2021-2022

The main matters covered a report on a year without lockdown; external examinations; the new TLR structure; the approaching completion of the new science block; plans for the implementation of the Curriculum for Wales.

- The Current School Population

This was broken down into pupil numbers by year group. There had been a significant rise in E fsm pupils in years 7 and 9.

- Year 12 Student Numbers

This was broken down by subject. Any figure below 16 in a subject needed to be subsidised.

- Year 10 Student Numbers

This was broken down by subject.

- Year 11 and 12 Retention rates

This was noted by Governors.

- Attendance
This was reported by year group. Overall attendance was 90.03%.
- Staff Leavers
Reported in detail and noted by Governors.
- New Teachers
Reported in detail and noted by Governors.
- New Support Staff
Reported in detail and noted by Governors.
- Summary Results 2022: KS4 and KS5
Ceri Garland gave a full report covering the period 2017 to 2022. Key Performance Indicators were used to identify areas requiring improvement. EFSM pupil numbers had increased and therefore this was an area which needed particular attention.
- Performance Comparison between Boys and Girls
While girls continue to outperform boys in almost all indicators. The boys' performance has improved on 2019 in almost all indicators, unlike the girls where only the C9 has marginally improved. In 2022 there were 42 more boys than girls (about 30/40). 2020 saw a difference of only 15 in the number of boys and girls.
- KS5 Headline Figures
- GCSE KPI's
Covering the period 2017 – 2022.
- eFSM (Mainstreams Students, % Mainstream)
There was a greater proportion of students in key priorities this year.
- Comparison between boys and girls performance and results
While girls continued to outperform boys in almost all indicators, the boys performance had improved on 2019 in almost all indicators, unlike the girls where only C9 has marginally improved.
- KS5 headline Figures
A2 and AS Level indicators were provided.
- A2 Gender Comparison for 2021
- Results Summary by Year Group

- Main Subject Areas of Concern
 - SRB Pupils: Notable Achievements
 - GCSE Results: Outstanding Achievements
 - Notable achievements (4 A grades)
 - Notable Achievements (at least 3A*/equivalent grades)
 - Year 13 Destinations
 - International Athletes
 - Key Priorities 2022-2023
- These were noted and supported by governors.

8 SRB PROPOSAL

Joyce Slack informed Governors that the statutory process regarding communication relating to the proposed increase of pupil numbers had been followed and there had been no objections.

It was therefore

AGREED That the SRB pupil numbers be increased to 100.

The Headteacher proposed re-naming the SRB Unit. Following discussion it was

AGREED That the SRB Unit should be named “TY Calon” (House of Heart).

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

The use of CCTV was discussed and Joyce Slack assured Governors that the school was making sure that everyone knew that CCTV was being used and what it was being used for. Indeed the way that the school used CCTV was replicated in schools throughout Wales.

Governors approved the following membership appointments to committees:-

Disciplinary & Dismissal Appeal Committee:-

Paul Bulpin; David Roylance; Ian McIlquham; David Revill.

Grievance Appeals Committee

David Revill.

Capability Appeals Committee

David Revill.

Pay Review Appeals Committee

David Revill.

10 POLICIES

The following Policies were adopted:-

- Child Protection Policy
- Vexatious Complaints Policy (with minor amendments)
- Resolution Policy

11 DECLARATION OF BUSINESS INTERESTS

Forms were completed by those present. The matter of outstanding forms would be addressed by the Clerk to the Governors who would send out forms by email to those Governors yet to complete a form.

12 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

None.

13 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday 28th November 2022 @ 6pm

Monday 23rd January 2023 @ 6pm

Monday 20th March @ 6pm

Monday 19th June 2023 @ 6pm

Meeting concluded.



Chair of Governors