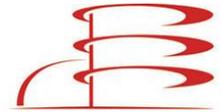


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OPEN MINUTES OF CORPORATION MEETING
Monday 26 April 2021 at 18.45
Following Governor Training Session held at 17:30



Bexhill 6th Form College

Present: Lloyd Taylor (Chair)
John Stebbing (Vice-Chair)
Silvia Berny
Michael Boakes
Lorraine Brown
Marie-Ange Coxhead
David Kelly (*in part*)
Alison McInnes
David Padmore
Mpanji Simfukwe (Parent Governor)
Pat Strickson
Hannah Miller (Student Governor)
Karen Hucker (Principal)
Elisabeth Lawrence (Staff Governor)

In Attendance: Dave Brown (VP)
Mike Groves (Director of Finance)
Jackie Taylor (Director of Services Supporting Learning)
Debbie Vockins (Director of HR)

Minutes: Alison Dennett (Clerk to the Corporation)

Apologies: None

STANDING ITEMS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed the new Parent Governor, Mpanji Simfukwe, and the new Student Governor, Hannah Miller, to their first Corporation meetings. Both were warmly welcomed to the Corporation.

NOTIFICATION OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were none.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Open minutes of the Corporation meeting held on 7 December 2020 and the additional Corporation meeting held on 18 January 2021 were agreed as correct.

MATTERS APPROVED BY WRITTEN RESOLUTION

The one item that had been approved by Written Resolution since the last meeting of the Corporation was noted as follows:

- Amendments to Committee Memberships.

MATTERS APPROVED USING CHAIR'S ACTION

The one item that had been approved using Chair's Action since the last meeting of the Corporation, and the reasons for the use of Chair's Action, was noted as follows:

- Amendments to the Complaints Policy PG5.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

There were none.

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MAIN AGENDA

PART A – PUBLIC ITEMS

CORP20/14. STUDENT REPORT

It was confirmed that the Student Governor would make their first report to the July 2021 meeting.

CORP20/15. NOTE ON SAFEGUARDING AND HEALTH & SAFETY

The Link Governor provided a summary of key issues that had been considered at the latest Safeguarding / Health & Safety meeting as follows:

Safeguarding / Health & Safety

- The Designated Safeguarding Lead had completed the College's self assessment of its safeguarding practices which has to be submitted to ESCC [confidential note].
- The Health & Safety report had been presented to the meeting.
- The College's Covid testing station had been set up in the Sports Hall and home kits were now available to students who had completed their three tests within the College. The College's Covid Risk Assessment had been updated to include the requirement for students to wear face coverings in classrooms as well as when moving around the College.
- The Colleges Nursery and sports facilities had been operating within lockdown requirements. The nursery remained open throughout. The sports facilities closed but were now reopening again in line with the relaxing of the Covid restrictions.
- The Nursery had been open throughout lockdown [confidential note].

CORP20/16. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: APRIL 2021

Key issues outlined within the Principal's report included:

Funding

Funding allocations for 2021/22 had been received. There had been no increase in funding per student as expected. The budget planning process had begun and would be brought to Corporation for approval in July.

Curriculum

The College's T Level provision continued to be developed for September 2021 and a capital bid had been secured, linked to the delivery of T Levels. [confidential note]. Outcomes had not yet been seen from the applied generals consultation; Governors were aware that the proposals raised could impact on the curriculum offer at level 3 for many colleges and that there was significant concern in the sector about the potential impact of the proposals if they go forward.

Recruitment

Figures looked positive for September and applications continued to be monitored closely. [confidential note].

HE Provision

Governors were updated on HE work with partner universities. [confidential note].

International

International recruitment was looking positive for 2021 entry. [confidential note].

In response to a question from Governors it was confirmed that the Government was running a campaign to increase awareness of T Levels. It was considered that the T Level may be too specialised for some students which could account for a smaller take up in some subjects. The College would also continue to provide a choice of course options in the T level subjects where possible and a T Level would not be as the only avenue for students to continue their studies. It was also considered that the impact of Covid on the ability to offer more 'live' marketing events may have resulted in students not being as aware of the new qualifications as they may have been, if they had been able to talk to staff at face to face events.

Governors noted that the Principal's report demonstrated the high level of professionalism that was in place at the College, with all staff being adaptable to changing demands whilst ensuring that students continued to get the best opportunities in a challenging situation.

CORP20/17. COMMITTEE REPORTS – ITEMS FOR CORPORATION APPROVAL

It was noted that there were no Open items presented for Corporation approval.

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- CORP20/18. **OPEN COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR NOTING**
The full Open minutes from the Committee meetings held since the last Corporation meeting were noted.
- CORP20/19. **SCHEDULE OF CORPORATION AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2021/22**
Governors were asked to note the calendar for 2021/22 and the meeting dates for their respective committees.
- CORP20/20. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
There was none.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Corporation is scheduled for Monday 5 July 2021 at 17.30. Governors were advised that work was ongoing to develop a strategy for the return to meeting on site as and when restrictions allowed. Further details would be communicated to Governors as soon as possible.

The Corporation thanked the Student Governor who departed the meeting at 19.15.