

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

CHISENHALE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Chisenhale Road, London, E3 5QY

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Minutes of a meeting of the School Improvement Committee

Held at the school on 27 September 2022

Present:

Paul Kenning

Gemma Anidi, Headteacher

Neil Cunningham

Hemanth Shanthigrama

Sarah Hannett (Committee Chair)

In attendance:

Susan Moyse, Clerk

1. Welcome, committee membership and apologies for absence

Sarah Hannett (Committee Chair) opened the meeting at 6.30pm welcoming all present. Thomas Georgiou, Jenny Lowe and Giles Ridley had sent apologies. JL was attending the Tower Hamlets Directors Meeting that evening.

2. Membership and terms of reference

Governors noted:

- Harriet Bowrey (teacher governor) had left the school
- Seth Pimlott from the Chisenhale Gallery was a prospective governor

Agreed that committee members review the terms of reference and recommend any changes to the full governing body via the Clerk. **Action: All/ Clerk**

3. Minutes

The minutes of 24 May 2022 were agreed as a correct record and were signed as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising

Matters arising had been dealt with or would be considered on this agenda.

5. Headteacher's update

The Head referred to her written reports which had been circulated to all governors. Committee members had reviewed all of the documentation in advance of the meeting.

5.1 Strategic Plan

The Headteacher reported that she was considering whether to streamline the plan in order to make it more meaningful to staff. Governors asked the following:

Governor Question	School Response
Reasons behind review of behaviour policy	Probably too much detail for staff. Staff do not always feel supported by the current approach. Clarity should help with that
How will success be measured? What are the KPIs	See 'monitoring' column. Evidence will include progress and attainment scores, pupil voice (PALS), surveys, learning walks, book looks – see also RAP

5.2 Raising Attainment Plan

The Head ran through the actions and explained that this was a working document showing week by week actions (largely based on the school development plan) for the Senior Leadership Team (SLT). The Head added that it was only 3 weeks into term. Governors asked the following:

Governor Question	School Response
Document working well for SLT?	Yes. Live document – more actions to be added as necessary

5.3 School Development Plan – Autumn (1) Update

The Head highlighted the following from the update:

a. Priority 1: Progress and achievement

- Word Aware
- English team met earlier that day and reviewed assessment
- Focus on less experienced staff
- Weavers’ Company grants

Governor Question	School Response
CLPE project?	Funded through CLPE and a charity. Staff receive training. The borough is funding “Word Aware” project. Thanks also to Weavers Company who are funding Star assessments in reading and maths. Also thanks to Weavers for Writing grant.
Star is useful contribution to assessment? Good value for money?	Yes and also the children enjoy the assessments. There is an initial cost (met by Weavers) and then a subscription.

b. Priority 2: Curriculum

- RE Curriculum in place
- Cross curricular Lego resource – thanks to PTA
- THEP oracy hub – very useful
- Need to streamline and update curriculum documentation

c. Priority 3: Staff development

- Mental health training
- THEP training including phonics, ECT (Early Careers Teachers), new HTs, subject networks – THEP provides excellent value for money
- Cluster/ Peer reviews – Chisenhale likely spring term with focus on writing, or possibly inclusion as there are two special schools in the peer group

d. Priority 4: Behaviour and wellbeing

- See strategic Plan above

e. Priority 5: Enrichment

- Theatre
- Church links

Governors were particularly impressed with the amount of enrichment activities and were pleased to see that many were free to the school e.g., wheelchair rugby at the Copperbox.

6. Link governors

Agreed to consider roles at the full governing body meeting in November. The Head and Chair would be discussing this before the GB meeting. Possibilities included having a link governor or a champion for each of the five priorities; maintaining some subject links; SEND and the statutory link for safeguarding.

**Action: Head/ Chair of Gobs
(Clerk for agenda)**

7. Policies / other documents

Agreed to adopt the SDP and Strategic Plan and to recommend them to the governing body for approval.

Action: Clerk for agenda

8. Director's report

The report had not been published this term although training and briefing dates had been circulated.

9. Any other business/ items for future meetings

Agreed to include focus on writing at next SIC meeting.

**Action: Head
(Clerk for agenda)**

There was no confidential business. The committee chair closed the meeting at 7.10pm thanking the Head for her reports and thanking everyone for participating.

Chair _____

Date _____