

Linton Village College Local Governing Body Meeting Minutes



Tuesday 18th March 2025 at
6 pm

Governors Present: Helena Marsh (HM, Principal); Peter Woodroffe (PW); Chris Hine (CH); Jill Carter (JC); Ronan O'Leary (ROL); Clare Gorman (CG - Chair); Carolyn Babinsky (CB); Clive Turner (CT); Vanessa Whitcombe (VW); Georgina Ellis (GE)

Others Present: Shahla Matarazzo (SM); Anna Garner (AG); Tim Darby (TD); Kay Pearce (KP Academy Governance Professional)

	ITEM	ACTION
1.	Acceptance of Apologies for Absence	
	Apologies were received from Ali Dellar. There were no apologies from David Blackman. Governors agreed to their absence.	
2.	Declarations of Interest	
	There were no declarations of interest.	
3.	Agree minutes of last meeting and Matters arising not on this agenda	
	The minutes of the meeting on 28 th January 2025 were recorded as accurate and agreed . Item 6 for action is on hold until further notice. Item 8 will be available for the next meeting	
4.	Inclusion	
	<p>A presentation was given by SM to governors, this showed the three-year vision for teaching and learning until 2027. All documents were uploaded into the meeting folder.</p> <p><u>2024-2025 Improvement Plan</u> SM spoke about the inclusive classroom jigsaw and what each part means. This 'jigsaw' runs through the teaching and learning strategy, with the four cornerstones having a high expectation focus.</p> <p>The whole school approach for this is 'supporting some, benefitting all'.</p> <p>Go4Schools shows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the passport for all SEND and Pupil Premium students along with lots of other data. Holding teachers to account Learning walks to see this in practice <p><u>SEND in a Nutshell</u> This was presented by AG. Document was uploaded into the meeting folder.</p> <p>SEND support meet and review every month. LVC is currently below national average.</p>	

<p>AG advised there is a national move away from SEND support, so registers will have to be slimmed down even more, and pupils will all be part of quality first teaching.</p> <p>Previously the SEND register was capturing all students and putting them on the SEND register, even those who needed extra time, which is not a SEND requirement.</p> <p>Within the key priorities, there needs to be a point around attendance.</p> <p><u>CIP Priorities and Progress</u> Following identification, students go on the SEND register, then attendance drops.</p> <p>The forest school has been very successful.</p> <p>Governors asked what the effect of attendance is on the current cohort. AG advised that it was not possible to compare due to changes made to coding and online learning.</p> <p>Students who need an alternative provision are still on role at LVC due to Cambridgeshire Local Authority being in crisis.</p> <p><u>Interventions</u> There are a range of interventions within school that students have access to.</p> <p>Following the intervention, students give feedback on their intervention.</p> <p>Centre 33 have not provided an impact statement. LVC currently reviewing value for money and quality assurance.</p> <p>Governors asked about other sources. AG advised YMCA and Blue Smile. They also suggested Anglian Learning could employ their own councillors.</p> <p>LVC are looking at what Beacon Youth Trust can offer around behaviour support.</p> <p>At the recent inclusion link network meeting CS advised that Anglian Learning was wanting inclusion for all, which allows all pupils to remain in mainstream school.</p> <p>There is central training for teaching assistants, but this is mainly primary school based.</p> <p>Most of the schools attending the network meeting were primary, with only two secondary schools represented.</p> <p>It is important to embed day to day learning and strategies.</p> <p>The SEND hub was mentioned, and although there is an interest in this, there is no funding from Cambridgeshire Local Authority. The ERB working party has promised devolved funding, but this will not be seen for some time.</p> <p><u>Blueprint Judgement</u> Some elements are improving.</p>	<p>AG</p>
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	<p>Governors felt that Anglian Learning needed to rewrite this with a description in each box, which should be coloured coded and RAG rated.</p> <p>Governors agreed this was too subjective to comment on but recognise some of the challenges.</p> <p>This is to be presented at the peer review on 19th March and linked to strategic objectives.</p> <p>AG left the meeting at 19.23.</p> <p><u>Behaviour</u> Report presented by TD and documents were uploaded to meeting folder.</p> <p>The SLT continue to monitor and look at the data and trends.</p> <p>There has been some positive regard training provided by Anglian Learning.</p> <p>The Linton Learning Curriculum Intent has been drafted and continues to have the content reviewed. Focus is on what matters.</p> <p>A 'well rounded individual' is mentioned as a statement in the Linton Learner. There is also emphasis on care, learning and community.</p> <p>There is also the need to log praise for students as well negative situations.</p> <p>Social times have raised some behaviour issues.</p> <p>Currently there have been 14 suspensions to date, this figure is down on last year.</p> <p>The raising expectations of pupils in classrooms is currently being looked at.</p> <p>Governors asked if there was any way of tracking individual students over the time they are in school, to see if behaviour measures are working. TD advised this was not possible. There may be a way to pick some students and monitor, but it would be a huge piece of work.</p> <p>TD left the meeting at 19.48.</p>	
5.	Principal's Report	
	<p>The report was uploaded to the meeting folder.</p> <p>HM advised governors there were currently 8 members of staff absent with sickness. This has made the last few weeks very challenging.</p> <p>The new payment system (from Squid to Wisepay) has also caused a few problems, especially with the biometric registration of all pupils.</p> <p>HM is currently looking at two associate roles, depending on budgets, to step up whilst a teacher is away on a sabbatical.</p> <p>There is currently a £10,000 deficit in the budget. IT and curriculum are being looked at. HW advised there will be 70% spent on the staffing budget next year.</p>	
6.	Data digest	
	This was discussed within the meeting.	

7.	Policies	
	<p><u>The Anti-Bullying Policy</u> Following discussion, governors wanted a couple of amendment to be made.</p> <p>'Think Pink' needs to be linked to the policy.</p> <p>Wording needs to be changed from 'a crime has been committed' to be replaced by 'a crime has been alleged'.</p> <p>The flow diagram needs to show who to report to.</p> <p>Governors ratified this policy.</p> <p><u>Mobile Device Policy</u></p> <p>Following discussion on this policy, an appendix needs to be added around how mobile phones are to be used in photography.</p> <p>Governors agreed this policy.</p> <p>LK left the meeting at 18.32</p>	
8.	Governor Business	
	<p>VW will make a visit this term.</p> <p>PW will visit in connection with safeguarding after Easter.</p> <p>A meeting date is set for AG and GE to meet.</p> <p>The above governors will be reporting back at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Pupil Premium link governor visit report was uploaded to the meeting folder. There were no questions from governors on this report.</p> <p>GC advised that she attended the AGF, which looked at schools holding governance days. It was agreed that 26th June 2025 would be when governors come into school.</p> <p>There was also a suggestion that a WhatsApp group be set up to advise governors when meetings and documents are available for reading. CG has agreed to arrange this. Governors are to send provide her with their mobile numbers.</p>	<p>VW/PW/GE</p> <p>CG/All Govs</p>
9.	Any Other Business	
	<p>There was some discussion around the requirement to publish minutes on the website and ensuring individuals could not be identified.</p> <p>KP advised that she would speak to the Trust about these matters.</p>	KP
10.	Date of Next Meeting	
	<p>The meeting ended at 8.30 pm.</p> <p>Date of next meeting is set for Monday 12th May at 6.00pm</p>	

Items for Future Meetings	
Meeting	Item
Ongoing	Wellbeing focus

Action Log			
ITEM	ACTION	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBILITY
4	Improvement plan. Key priorities needs to have attendance mentioned	May 2025	AG
8	Link Governor visit reports to be available at next meeting	May 2025	VW/PW/GE
8	Setting up of WhatsApp group. Mobile numbers to be given to Chair	May 2025	CG/All governors
9	Confirmation around published minutes	May 2025	KP

Rolling Action Log			
ACTION	DEADLINE	RESPONSIBILITY	UPDATE