

## **Minutes of the Curriculum Sub-Committee**

**Held on:** 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2013

**Present:** Sue Farrington (Chair)  
Amanda Freshwater  
Wayne Cooper  
Ross Orton  
Jenny Turner  
Therese Reinheimer-Jones  
Isabelle Spordis

### **1. Matters Arising**

Maths homework and spellings are being given out by all teachers, literacy and topic homework less consistent. All homework is being marked and Curriculum Letters inform parents of expectations.

- 1.1 A minimum of information concerning the curriculum for each year group should be visible on the School website.
- 1.2 A discussion regarding the future of Fronter, and other ICT possibilities to be held at a future meeting (TBC).
- 1.3 Homework Policy to be revisited before end of academic year, including a discussion regarding the support available for parents (LE/WC)
- 1.4 Current Homework Policy to be forwarded to governors, for information (LE)

### **2. Terms of Reference**

ToR agreed by committee.

- 2.1 Limited voting rights to be accorded to WC for any votes at future meetings, should they arise.
- 2.2 Deadlines to be included on action points, where possible.
- 2.3 A discussion took place that debated whether 'staffing' should be included within the remit of the Curriculum and Achievement Committee. To be discussed at the next General Governors Meeting.

### **3. School Development Plan**

WC explained School Development Plan. TR offered support concerning sustainability within Science to the school's Science Coordinator.

- 3.1 Are LSAs logged on to *Outlook*? (AF)

- 3.2 Clarification of SLT roles still to be addressed by SLT. (WC)
- 3.3 Marking Policy still in need of updating. To be discussed at next Curriculum Meeting.
- 3.4 Format and type of spellings that are sent home as homework to be audited within school. (WC)
- 3.5 *School's Out* recommended to DKH with regards to homophobic bullying.
- 3.6 School to provide feedback following book scrutinies and lesson observations. (WC)
- 3.7 Three-year plan to be reviewed so SDP for 2013/14 can be drafted in readiness for start of academic year (LE).

#### **4. Progress and Attainment**

WC presented data on all cohorts throughout school. *Raising Boys* Program recommended to school by IS.

- 4.1.1 DKH to report back to Committee on activities currently in operation regarding engaging Black Afro-Caribbean and Black African children (raising aspirations, designing a curriculum that suits learners from these minorities) to be used in a further discussion about what DKH can do to increase achievement in these groups and 'close the gap' (LE/WC)

- 4.2 Will school be deciding upon targets for Year 6 SATs? (LE)

#### **5. Policies**

- 5.1 Policies to be discussed as first point at next Curriculum and Achievement Committee meeting.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

- 6.1 Sports clubs to be included on DKH website (LE/WC)
- 6.2 Concerns raised over safeguarding at Dulwich Hamlet Afterschool Football Club. LE/WC to raise concerns with relevant staff at DH.
- 6.3 A big congratulations to the steel band, who performed last Friday, and were amazing. LE/WC to pass on feedback to Daniel Monte.