



Plymouth CAST

Multi Academy Trust

Full Cast Board Meeting – Wednesday 12th March 2025 in OLSP Staffroom @ 18:00

Attendance:	Mrs C Blatchford	Headteacher	CB
	Mrs L Coulter	Chair of Governors	LC
	Father A Lawes	Foundation Governor	AL
	Mrs J Gillespie	Vice Chair	JG
	Mrs G Dyson	Foundation Governor	GD
	Mr D Saw	Parent Governor	DS
	Mrs M Nock	Staff Governor	MN
	Sarah Jackson	Clerk to Governors	SJ

No.	Description	Decisions/Actions
1.	Welcome and Opening Prayer: Meeting begins at 18.03 with a welcome from LC and prayer from AL	
2.	Apologies and Confirmation of Quorum: Apologies from CC and MN joining via link as unable to attend in person	Quorum confirmed.
3.	Governance Procedures: Declarations of Interest - none Approve minutes of last meeting (15th January 2025) - done Summary of o/s actions - none needed, other than making sure AL has all the information / logins that he needs Chair's business - none Clerk's business - just a reminder to put training onto governor hub tab	Minutes on HUB
4.	School Leadership: CB explains that the data drop is at the end of term, so what was in the agenda has been postponed to the next meeting. CB also says that she will have the HT report done ready for the May meeting.	
5.	RE and Catholic Life: LC remarks that it is a large section for Catholic Life this meeting. CB tells AL that this would be his section. LC asks AL if there is anything he would like to feed back on as he has been into school on a few occasions now, it could be anything such as the behaviour of the children? <i>AL replies that the pupils have been very well behaved and responsive to the lessons when he has come in. All KS2 were very engaged in the lessons of the sacraments. He is always impressed with them when they come to Mass. GD feels that it is a lovely link with the parish when the pupils go to Mass. CB reminds everyone that the whole</i>	

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of KS2 will be walking down for the St Patrick's Day mass on Monday 17th. CB also mentions that AL has booked a date in April to go into school and talk over what exactly is involved in being a governor (SJ will go in too for any help needed with the Governor Hub), but the most important bit is getting the new governor training completed. CB says that she has also put the Catholic self evaluation document onto the Hub and there were elements of outstanding, so the aim is to get outstanding throughout in the next one.

CB says that all the staff are doing CPD and are doing the Red curriculum. *JG asks if AL was teaching part of the Red curriculum when he came in?* CB confirms that he was. *JG asks if the teachers are following up on the lessons after AL had been in?* CB replies, yes and it is followed up in the staff meetings. CB mentions that the Trust are looking at the Red curriculum as the final half term is the only time other faiths are studied and it is felt there needs to be more opportunities across the year. *AL says that in the past he has gone into schools just to speak to the staff - would we like him to do that again?* CB replies - that would be brilliant and once the Red training is completed, some dates can be booked. CB also mentions that on the inset day Julia Beacroft from the diocese came in to do a prayer workshop.

Inclusion:

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LC asks JG if her notes to visit are all on the HUB. *JG replies that yes they are all on. She had a visit with ROS to talk about the impact of what has been spent on the children, sadly there are not many funds available at the moment. ROS shared the SEND audit with JG and the provision for SEN pupils is very good and was recognised as such in the Ofsted report, and this was even with the lack of funds. Phonics is impacted due to not having a TA to do interventions. JG says that as a governing body it should be noted that phonics could be better, but due to the lack of funds it is not possible to improve. AL asks how much a TA costs per year. CB areplies that is about £20K. GD asks what we can do as a governing body to help raise funds?* CB says that she included this in a meeting with Kevin Butlin. Funding is needed for more interventions, especially in Year 2, and he is going to raise this in his next SELT meeting. *JG mentions that it is very common for the Year 2s to need the most help as they were the most affected by COVID.* CB says that the GAG funding was released yesterday (this is all down to the Census and number of pupils) and it is not enough to fund what we have now. *JG says the EdPsych used to give hours to schools, but now they have to buy into it and ROS has said that school had 6 hours that had to go on just one child. JG says she spoke to ROS regarding one significant case* (CB says there are now 2 significant cases and in the same class) *that they had moved from out of the area and the need for a special school is recognised, but there are no spaces for them. JG says that the work of the family support worker and the whole ethos of the school is brilliant and has helped with the attendance of SEN children and the school as a whole and this should be applauded. LC asks JG if she has anything to report on FSM?* *JG replies that there is nothing to report.*

Safeguarding and Child Protection:

LC asks CB if she has anything to report on safeguarding? *CB replies nothing in particular - we have no children in care, but one family are child protection and one is under assessment.*

LC - it has come from CAST that the business managers will be overseeing the SCR. LC mentions to AL that he will have to undertake the safeguarding training. LC also mentions that the Governor Hub has changed - just an update, so nothing to worry about.

LC and GD will be in soon to meet with ROS and the children.

Notes to Visit on
HUB

8. **Health, Safety & GDPR** - MN reports that the top step is still with TDA, but she has suggested that the step be removed so it is just a slope to the office. The hole in the Early Years soft playground area was looked at and quotes received, but sadly too high in cost - there was a grant open, but the time had lapsed before CAST could put it in when reviewing for the intake of 2 year olds. The garden maintenance team have been asked to put some chemicals down to make the area less slippery though. MN reports that all staff have now completed the GDPR training and there were no incidents on the annual incident report. The carpet in the Year 6 classroom is set to be replaced at Easter. LC says the agenda asks if EVOLVE is in line with OEVOSEA? *CB confirms yes it is, but we did have the issue that I was lead, authorisation and now the teacher too on a trip so SJ has now been trained to by EVC admin.*
- LC asks about report on GDPR? *CB replies that there were no incidents*
9. **Whole LCB Responsibility:**
LC - it asks about the progress in the DSEF, but if you are meeting with AL we can leave that one?
10. **Cast Policies (for information):**
None to report on
11. **School Level Policies:**
None
12. **AOB:**
CB wanted to comment on the whole school Child's Health & Wellbeing Survey as she feels that the results were really positive and we can compare to other schools in Devon. CB says that one of the key things was that if they see something online that they don't like, they know what to do. *LC says that we really do drum this into the children!*
DS asks what the report asks if the parents smoke or vape? CB replies that this info will go elsewhere and it shows what the children are dealing with at home. DS comments that it really did reflect well for the school
LC asks if anyone has anything else they would like to discuss? No replies, so LC thanks everyone for coming and the meeting ends at 18.44

Date of next LGB: Wednesday 14th May 2025 (JG sends her apologies now)

Signed by Chair.....

Dated14/5/25.....