

**ST. HELENS COUNCIL**

**COWLEY INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Governing Body of Cowley International College  
held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 5.00pm at the College**

Members: Staff Governors (2)  
\*Mr C Sheeran (Principal)  
\*Mr S Acton

Parent Governors (5)

Mr I Arnold  
Mr I Evans  
Mrs E Hardie  
\*Mrs L Denny  
Vacancy

Local Authority Governor (1)

Mr D Watkins

Co-opted Governors (14)

\*Mr G Anders  
\*Mr G Appleton  
\*Mr R Cormack  
\*Mrs M Bellis (Chairperson)  
\*Mrs K Campbell  
\*Mrs N Kearney  
Mr M Rush  
\*Mr P Worthington  
\*Mr C Amadio  
Vacancy  
Vacancy

\* Denotes members present

Also Present: Mrs K Webb, Governor Support Services  
Acting as Clerk to the Governing Body

**Part 1**

1. Apologies and Consideration to Absence

Apologies were received from Mr I Arnold, Mrs E Hardie, Mr D Watkins and Mr M Rush.  
Governors consented to their absence.

2. Declarations of Interests

The chairperson reported that Governors had completed the Declarations of Interest form which was retained by the school.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018

The minutes were received and agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.

4. Matters arising from the above Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. Minutes of the Pupil Behaviour and Wellbeing Committee held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018

The minutes were received as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters Arising from the above minutes

Mr G Anders thanked the students and wished them well in their exams.  
Random searches of bags and pockets are going to take place, pupils have been informed.  
PC Kate will not be involved in the searches.  
Mrs Wellens is no longer a governor.

7. Minutes from Student Outcomes and Teaching Committee Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Arising recommendations from the Minutes:

Mrs K Campbell thanked the governors for their attendance at parents evening.

Staff have been very thorough.

There are no concerns regarding the Y11 support, there have been extra challenges with the new exams. The level of scrutiny is good as always.

Vocational course – thanks go to Mr Jones for all his work.

Mr R Cormack reported that there were differences between advantaged and disadvantaged students and how they score in exams if their parents attended parents evening or not. It is better for the child if parents attend as students are likely to score higher in exams than those students whose parents do not attend. Average grades of students is 5 ½ if their parents have attended parents evening throughout their time in school. Governors thanked Mr Cormack for his work on this. He will report back at the next meeting what the exam results were.

8. Minutes of the Finance and Personnel Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018

The rolling programme of re-decoration was approved.

The refreshing of IT was approved.

The school fund account was approved.

The virements were all approved.

The GDPR company is to be approved.

On page 2 – should read Mrs Callaghan and not Mr Callaghan.

The chairperson also reported that it had been nationally announced that there are more state schools in debt and thanks must officially go to Kerry for all the work she has completed on the school budget.

There were no other issues from the above minutes and were received as a true record.

#### 9. Approval of the School Budget 2018/19

	Total Resources Available	Projected Expenditure	Surplus / (Deficit)
	£	£	£
2018/2019	9,700,412	9,061,165	639,247
2019/2020	9,517,898	9,278,755	239,143
2020/2021	9,131,641	9,442,831	-311,190

The Chairperson proposed a vote on ratifying the budget as agreed at committee. Governors voted unanimously in favour.

#### 10. School Newsletter

It was felt that the production of the newsletter was getting better and better each time. This is being produced by an ex-pupil at the moment. Thanks must also go to Andrea. It was felt that the names of the Head Boy and Head Girl should go under their photograph.

#### 11. International Trips

The recent trip to New York was a huge success. One student had stated that this trip was a once in a lifetime trip for them. Students were recognised by the flight crew on their return flight and were given the opportunity to board the plane before any other passengers and allowed to go on the flight deck. Mr Sheeran felt very proud of all the students on this trip and has written to Virgin to thank them for giving the students this opportunity. Mr Livesey has reported that 150 pupils are interested in going on the next trip to New York.

#### 12. Wellbeing of Students

The Pupil wellbeing document was tabled.

Y11 have been involved in revision sessions which have been a massive success. Some pupils are having their work put into the St Helens Youth Open Art competition this week at the World of Glass.

On 10<sup>th</sup> April some students are going to Stuttgart to design a flag which will then be flown both in St. Helens and Germany.

