

ELTHAM COLLEGE

**Minutes of the Governing Body meeting held on Tuesday 5th October 2010
at 7.30p.m..
at Eltham College**

Present

Mr D A Robins (Chairman), Mr N P Betts, Rev R Blyth, **Messrs B C Carey, S R Charlick**, Mrs P Corp, **Mrs A Edwards, Mrs R A Morgan, Messrs R B Morgan, C P J Muttukumar**, Dr R Rao Nippani, Messrs **W Oram**, C Ring, A Robb, Rev T Sparks and **Mrs I Wort**, with the Headmaster and Bursar ex officio and Mr E Cavendish in attendance. Mr L Watts and Mr J Walker were also in attendance for the first two agenda items.

Apologies

Apologies were received from **Mr D L Mahoney** and Rev D Skitt.

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, the first meeting of the new Academic Year. He also welcomed Dr Ranga Rao Nippani to his first meeting as the newly elected Parent Nominated Governor.

Stephen Smith

The meeting noted with sadness that Stephen Smith had passed away during the summer holidays. The Headmaster informed the meeting that he would be representing the school at Stephen's memorial service at Caterham on the coming Saturday, and a further service would be held at Eltham on the day of the Winter Reunion.

The Academic Meeting

GB/10/22 Headmaster's Report & Examination Results Summary

The Headmaster's Report and Examination Results Summary had been circulated with the agenda. The Headmaster commented he was very pleased with the 26% A* grades at A level and the success of the 16 Oxbridge candidates.

The Headmaster then introduced Mr Watts, Director of Studies, to the meeting. Mr Watts elaborated on the examination results, which had been circulated with the agenda. He felt that 26% A* grades at A level was an excellent result. Some 57 candidates out of a total of 113 candidates had achieved 3 A grades or better.

In relation to the AS Level results Mr Watts explained the change in curriculum which allowed students to drop a subject after AS level.

The GCSE results were better than the previous year and the 74.3% A*/A grades was the best for a number of years, as was the A* percentage of 38.6%.

In relation to other results Mr Watts explained that STEP papers were very hard so one boy had done very well, whilst the Year 11 Additional Mathematics results, and the Year 10 iGCSE Mathematics results were excellent.

Mr Watts then addressed the paper circulated to the meeting entitled Value Added.

The Headmaster then introduced Mr Walker to the meeting to explain a little about what happens after A Level results and in particular how the students are guided into Higher Education. A Higher Education Report had been circulated to the meeting.

The Headmaster stressed that the application to Higher Education is the most important aspect of the student's career and the 90%+ success rate was the school's real success story.

The Chairman thanked Mr Watts and Mr Walker for their presentations and asked them to take back to the Senior Common Room the congratulations of the entire Governing Body, not just on examination results but also for the value added and the high quality guidance given.

Mr Watts and Mr Walker left the meeting.

The Headmaster continued to address his Report and covered Pupil Matters, Staffing Matters, Summer and Autumn Activities, Community Matters, Development and Marketing.

The Headmaster's Report contained a section on Aims and Objectives and Strategies and the Headmaster explained that these formed part of the Annual Report and Accounts.

The Chairman thanked the Headmaster for his informative Report and update and repeated his wish that the Headmaster take back the congratulations of the Governing Body to the Senior Common Room and to thank them all for their hard work and efforts and an excellent set of examination results.

The Business Meeting

GB/10/21 Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on Tuesday 15th June 2010

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

GB/10/23 Matters Arising Arts Centre

The Chairman acknowledged that this had been covered by the Headmaster's Report.

College Meadow

The Bursar informed the meeting that Knights Academy and Millwall FC had been offered a one year renewal.

Buildings Strategy

A further meeting with Barnsley Hewitt and Mallinson had been held to look at this.

Register of Interests

There was nothing to report on this.

Digital Strategy

The Headmaster informed the meeting that the school had changed Internet Service Provider.

Revenue Generation

The meeting was informed of a Marketing Report prepared on the Eric Liddell Sports Centre.

GB/10/24 Strategic Review incorporating Vision Statement

The Headmaster had circulated prior to the meeting a paper entitled Eltham College Vision 2010-2020.

The meeting felt this should be discussed in detail at the November Governing Body meeting.

GB/10/25 Regulatory Compliance Issues

School Policies

It was reported that some policies had been reviewed and updated.

Risk Register

The Chairman confirmed that he was dealing with this.

Health and Safety

The Strategic Review had been held in March and the school was currently working to the targets set in that meeting.

Child Protection

Those members of staff without child protection training had now received some.

Central Register

The Chairman had undertaken to review this on a termly basis.

GB/10/26 Any Other Business

Request from a recently retired Member of Staff

The Bursar outlined a request from a recently retired member of staff. The meeting felt that to agree to such a request would set a precedent for the future, and so declined the request.

GB/10/27 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Meeting had been agreed as follows

Thursday 25th November 2010 @ 7.30pm