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## MINUTES OF THE ST JOHN'S SCHOOL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 JULY 2023

Attendees	
Lt Col P Francis (PF)	Chair
Mrs J Dowlen-Gilliland (JDG)	Vice Chair
Mr C Guyton (CG)	Acting Headteacher
Mrs P Demetriou (PJD)	Secretary to SGC
Mr R Edwards (RE)	Finance Sub Committee Lead
Mr R Roberts (RR)	Support Staff Rep
Mrs C Turner (CT)	Staff Wellbeing Sub Committee Lead
Mr M Wilson (MW)	Attendance Sub Committee Lead
Ms N Robertshaw (NR)	Teaching Staff Rep
Ms T Chilman (TC)	Parent Rep Episkopi
Mr P Dakin (PD)	Parent Rep Episkopi
Mrs J Heydon-Wells (JHW)	Independent Rep Episkopi
Mrs E Ballard (EB)	Safeguarding Provision Sub Committee Lead
Mr D Donaldson (DD)	School Improvement Advisor, DCS
Apologies	
Mr S Haggarty (SH)	Student Mobility Sub Committee Lead

Ser	Agenda Point		Comments	Actions
1	Welcome and	•	PF opened the meeting at 1000 hrs and welcomed	
	opening remarks		everyone present.	
	by Chair	•	PF advised that to improve communications for the	
			SGC that a shared IT system is currently being	
			worked on. PF to feedback to the SGC when this is	PF
			ready to use	
		•	PF updated the governors from the previous	
			meeting that DCS are in agreement with our	
			concerns and many of these are also being	
			experienced by the other MOD Schools. It has been	
			decided to form a Whole Island SGC of all	
			Headteachers and Chairs to help further improve	
			communications with DCS. PF will report back to	PF
			the SGC following the first meeting in Sep 23.	
		•	PF reported that a Service Level Agreement is	
			currently being worked on by DirOB and BFC HQ	
			regarding Cyprus Sixth Form provision. An update	PF
			will be provided in due course.	
		•	PF advised that all governors and several VIPs	All
		/	have received an invitation to our School Open	
			Morning to be held on 19 Sep 23. PF thanked them	
			for their support with this event to showcase St	
			John's School and to explain our ethos, values,	
		l	progress and aims for the future.	/

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2	Reflections upon		Safeguarding Provision	
	AY 22/23	•	CG advised that him and Kate Parkinson, DSL,	
			have gone through the last safeguarding review	
			action plan. DCS will come to do a review of	
			safeguarding practices in the autumn term. Also, we	
			will have an HMI Consultant visit planned in Nov 23.	
			CG explained that KP was appointed as DSL mid-	
			year to replace Alex Kerr and this will continue to be	
			a non-teaching role in future.	
		•	CG reported that DCS have unfortunately still	
			turned down permanent TLRs for our temporary	
			Pastoral Leaders.	
		•	RE asked if these posts are funded by DCS then	
			why can they not be approved? DD said that the	
			Civil Service recruitment freeze is also affecting	
			this.	
		•	RE announced that LEC posts are outside of this	
			recruitment freeze and can continue to be funded.	
		•	RE and JHW asked why Andy Yeoman was not in	
			attendance at this meeting when this had been	
			requested to answer our questions as he is on	
			island? PF replied that AY could not attend today	
			due to other commitments but had a scheduled	
			meeting with him on Thursday instead. PF agreed	PF
			to pass on the SGC's concerns to AY then.	
		•	CG advised that from Sep 23 all behaviour	
			concerns will go on to Bromcom instead of on to	
			MyConcern. DCS have given permission to	
			relaunch a new QR code linked directly to	
			MyConcern for students to report concerns	
			anonymously.	
			EB questioned just how anonymous reporting is on	00
			MyConcern via QR code? CG to check and report back to the SGC.	CG
		•	Attendance CG reported that attendance is currently 95%,	
			significantly higher than last year. The goal next	
			year will be for 96% attendance, in line with	
			government expectations.	
		•	EB said that one of the problems affecting	
			attendance is student absence caused by the	
			medical appointments system. CG replied that	
			unfortunately we cannot do anything about this.	
		•	CG announced that students in KS3 and KS4 with	
			excellent attendance have been rewarded with an	
			end of year school trip to the Water Park.	
			Educational Offer	
		•	CG stated that we will continue to build upon the	
			good progress this year, still using Assessment for	
			Learning, broadening our quality assurance	
			approach, ensuring strategically, putting in the	
			architecture of a good school to make further	
			improvements.	

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2	Reflections	•	CG advised that he will report back on this	CG
	upon AY 22/23		summer's GCSE and A Level results at the next	
			SGC meeting.	
			Student Mobility	
		•	CG discussed the results from the recent KS3	
			Progress Tests in English, Maths and Science. All	
			students are given a standardised score which can	
			be compared with national expectations since Sep	
			23.	
		•	RE asked what percentage improvement had been	
			made per child? CG confirmed that this was approx.	
			2%.	
		•	CG advised that Maths did not do very well, as	
			expected but said that Science had done better than	
			expected. TC added that the movement of Science	
			teachers this year could also have affected the data.	
			TC asked why better progress had not been	
			anticipated in Maths? CG replied that a lot of	
			disruption in the Maths Faculty over the last	
			academic year had caused this.	
			From the results of these tests JHW asked if the	
			more able will receive more support. This was	
			confirmed by CG.	
	•	•	NR said that we have to be careful how we interpret	
			the data as it may be informative. It is important to	
			look at all of the data generated across the board as	
			a guideline. CG added that more work needs to be	
			done to analyse this further.	
		•	JDG said that if this is a superficial look at current	
			levels then it is not the only data.	
		•	EB asked if this data was going to be published to	
			parents? CG said that it has only just been received	
			but confirmed that it would be published asap.	
		•	CG advised that these KS3 Progress Tests cost £42	
			per child and so, therefore, we need to make sure	
			that it is a useful tool for St John's School.	
			Student Satisfaction	
		•	CG reported that all is going very well. There has	
			also been a big improvement in behaviour since the	
			school took over the supervision of the school	
			buses.	
		•	CG said that there has been a lot of focus on the	
			move of the Sixth Form to a whole floor upstairs, all	
			being worked on to be ready for the new academic	
			year.	
		•	PD was impressed that CG and a team of staff	
			volunteers came in over a weekend recently to help	
			move the Library downstairs and the Sixth Form	
			upstairs. CG also wanted to pass on his thanks to	MW
			1 Lancs for helping to move some heavy equipment	10100
			in school for us, as part of this project.	
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2	Reflections		Community Pride	
	upon AY 22/23	•	CG reported that the school has been engaged in a wide range of activities this year to help improve our relationship with Akrotiri and the BFC community. PF added that he is helping to try to get people of influence in BFC to be aware of St John's School and our objectives.	
3	Strategic	•	CG reported that due to the current recruitment	
3	Strategic Planning for AY 23-24	•	and our objectives.  CG reported that due to the current recruitment freeze DCS have confirmed that we cannot actually replace our full-time UKBT English Teacher post yet. However, CG said that he will ask for any expression of interest from our current Supply Teachers to cover this post temporarily until we can recruit and appoint a full-time English Teacher.  School Self Evaluation  The SEF was shared with the governors last week for familiarisation. CG explained that we grade ourselves against the Ofsted framework for each of the headed areas. The SEF is a really important plan for the school to work towards. CG added that there is still more work to be done with our SEN and More Able students, however.  CG reported a significant improvement in the curriculum and our educational offer although said there is still a lot of work to be done for our curriculum, an on ongoing process.  CG said he needs another 12 months to embed our curriculum, for our quality of education to be consistent across the school.  JDG asked if the SEF can be checked independently to be approved, to avoid the potential for unconscious bias.  DD advised that he is involved with this and said that the 2 secondary schools do regular peer reviews for each other.  CG said that he is looking forward to Helen Reeve, HMI Consultant, to conduct external scrutiny of the school in the autumn term. PF said that unfortunately this visit got delayed but it will definitely happen early next academic year.  School Improvement Priorities  As far as behaviour and conduct are concerned, CG said that some improvements needed to be made. There has been a 3 year decline in poor behaviour and an increase in fixed term exclusions. Ofsted parents' views are collated from questionnaires given to parents at Parents Evenings.  CG advised that in the UK there is a statutory	
			obligation to record incidents of racism, homophobia, discrimination and abuse. Although we are not in the UK, there is no obligation to record this information but it is school policy to record it on MyConcern anyway.	

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3	Strategic	•	TC suggested that maybe there has actually been a	
	Planning for AY		decrease in incidents.	
	23-24	•	CG reported that our Fijian students recently asked	
			if they could deliver a whole school assembly	
			regarding racism, particularly through banter, and	
			this was very successful.	
		•	CG advised that although careers advice is a	
			statutory requirement in the UK, this provision was	
			not so good in BFC unfortunately last year.	
			School Improvement Priorities	
		•	CG discussed our school priorities which are the	
			same as last year but with an extra focus on	
			inclusion, recommended by Richard Sproson,	
			Headteacher at King Richard School.	
			School Values	
		•	CG announced that the new school values are now	
			Integrity; Commitment and Respect. They are all	
			also included in the SIP.	
			Education Strategy	
		•	Ge introduced etephen bixon, who has just been	
			promoted to Deputy Headteacher, to the governors.	
			SD said that we are at the top of requiring	
			improvement and need a curriculum that is right for	
			our particular students, our school. SD is trying to	
			write a Curriculum Intent for the whole school. SD	
			stated that we trying to go back to basics, getting the	
			students the best education and grades they can	
			achieve and produce nice students with good values.	
		•	SD said that we want to get curriculum leaders to	
			plan ahead and to provide termly feedback, working	
			on curriculum vision and context.	
		•	SD stated that some students will produce a video	
			for each subject and that these videos will be	
			uploaded onto a new section of the school website.	
		•	SD advised that on 6 Oct 23 he has arranged a CPD	
			session with Primary School colleagues invited in to	
			school to work together, to try to find out what the	
			Y6 students have been working on before, to try to	
			ensure there are no dips in student work.	
		•	SD said it has also been good sharing knowledge	
			with King Richard School to discuss curriculum	
			intent.	
		•	SD said that now we have our new core values and	
			our new pedagogical wheel in the Headteacher's	
			Report to help us decide what they actually mean in	
			our lesson time. For instance, deciding what does	
			'Respect' look like in your classroom? SD added	
			that we want our students to understand what our	
			core values actually look like and how they can be	
			demonstrated in the classroom by the students.	

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3	Strategic	•	CG introduced Marina Lea, Head of Creative	
	Planning for AY		Faculty, to the governors. ML said that her faculty	
	23-24		focus is to create an intent, joint faculty vision, work	
			out the curriculums for all subjects in this quite large	
			faculty, department intent and staff safety. Her	
			success criteria are time, trust, consultation, whole	
			school focus and staffing,	
		•	ML said that it is very important for the SLT to trust	
			their middle leaders. It is also important to visit our	
			counterparts in the same focus at KRS. ML felt that	
			the SLT are very clear about faculty expectations.	
			ML also was pleased to have been involved with the	
			whole recruitment and induction process of	
			employing a new Teacher for her faculty.	
		•	ML confirmed that Creativity, Confidence and	
			Quality are the values inbedded in the whole faculty	
			and are on display throughout. ML reported that in Creative they have taken all of the necessary	
			national curriculum skills and have done skill	
			mapping for all of the subjects. ML added that as	
			some students have not studied some of her	
			faculty's subjects before, eg Electronics or Food,	
			they have been given an opportunity to have	
			personalised learning. The curriculum very much	
			reflects who our students are. Also, a curriculum	
			rationale has been produced for every subject and	
			year group, ML said that this idea originated from	
			how can our curriculum be specific to our cohort?	
		•	ML added that a lot of unwanted and unnecessary	
			stock and equipment from her faculty has now been	
			disposed of. Also ML has been doing risk	
			assessments, improving incident reporting and	
			sharing H & S rules and regulations with the	
			students. The Creative faculty has also had a DCS	
			H & S inspection and they have made really positive and productive progress. Also our new D & T	
			Teacher attended some relevant training in the UK	
			prior to recently taking up post. ML said that the next	
			steps will be instilling their intent, developing	
			assessment and use of data. ML ended by saying	
			that intervention is a strong part of her faculty.	
		•	CG said that what ML has articulated at this meeting	
			today, all of our Middle Leaders have all gone	
			through the same process with their faculties.	
			Constant practice, constant refining ensures	
			improvement and progress.	
		•	NR discussed the role of assessment at St John's	
			School. NR said that SATS Tests from Year 6 are	
			used to judge how students do in their GCSEs.	
			CATS Tests are used to measure ability/intelligence.	
			Fischer Family Trust Tests are used for targets of	
			GCSEs. NR advised that Pathway Tests show	
	<u> </u>		progress from KS2 using the same flight path.	<u> </u>

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3	Strategic	•	NR advised that in terms of KS3 assessment, the	
	Planning for AY		banding is quite wide. At KS4 and KS5 assessments	
	23-24		will have to gauge which target band the student is	
			operating in. NR added that each subject will have	
			at least 3 summative assessments each year, with	
			the key reporting dates being just before Christmas,	
			Easter and summer.	
		•	NR announced that from Sep 23 we will be rolling	
			out a new assessment system. All students will	
			have a challenge target grade based on previous	
			data (Fischer Family Trust 20% rounded up). Also	
			Y10 will have proper, formal style exams at the end	
			of the summer term and Y11 will have mock exams	
			at the end of the autumn term. Y10 will also have an	
			exam results day when they will collect their results	
			in an envelope and this will all be taken seriously.	
		•	NR advised that a data cycle will be completed 3	
			times per year. Data will be collected, analysed and	
			a review meeting will be held with the Head of	
			Faculty and Extended SLT. Strategies and actions	
			will follow this. At KS4 students will have individual	
			targets for each subject. Data will be used to help	
			make improvements, to look at successes and to	
			identify where improvements can be made. They are	
			not binding but can be adjusted where necessary.	
			NR added that we are always focussing on the	
			outcomes and how we can improve.	
		•	CG said that all stakeholders at St John's School	
			have been involved with this and have been helping	
			to make the school fit for purpose.	
		•	JDG asked if targets could change after each	
			summative assessment? NR confirmed this.	
		•	PF said that useful data helps to pick up those	
			students who need more help.	
		•	CG added that these new assessments are more	
			helpful for students moving to other schools.	
4	General	•	JDG said that a lot of the work of the sub	
	Questions and		committees seems to overlap and thinks that	
	Discussion		perhaps we could amend these. CG and PF to	CG/PF
			reflect on these for Sep 23.	
		•	EB asked PF if he had heard from DCS yet	
			regarding a new safeguarding review? PF replied	
			that he had not heard about this yet but has a	
			scheduled meeting with Andy Yeoman on Thursday.	
		•	JDG said that we are right behind PF and CG to	
			move on from this.	
		•	CT apologised for not being able to provide a	
			Community Pride sub committee report this time.	
		•	CT asked DD the if there has been any news	
			regarding the LEC Pay Review for LSAs and other	
			support staff? DD replied that DCS are supporting	
			this.	

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4	General Questions and Discussion	•	EB said that if there is not another full safeguarding review conducted that she will step down from her role as safeguarding lead.  JHW reported that DD has replied to her queries regarding Educational Offer and said that communication with DCS is very important for the SGC.  JHW asked PF if he had received any clarification from Andy Yeoman yet to ascertain when he can come to take part in an SGC meeting to answer the governors' questions? PF replied that AY has not yet replied regarding this.  PD congratulated the school for the very successful graduation ceremony and prize giving evening held at Akrotiri this year for the first time. PD said that he would like to also see awards for particular subjects too, as done in the past.  CG advised that our Pastoral Manager post is going through the JEGS process to try to upgrade it from an LEC to UKBC status.	
5	Proposed SGC Meeting Dates AY 23-24	•	All of the proposed dates were confirmed for next academic year. PJD will send out invitations for these SGC Meetings in due course. The first meeting of the new academic year will take place on 11 Oct 23. PF asked governors to please feed through to PJD regarding proposed agenda points.	PJD All
6	Closing Remarks by the Chair	•	PF said that this academic year has been a year of building blocks. We still need to develop closure for things that need to finalise, eg the last safeguarding review. PF asked for all individuals who can support CG to please continue to do so as much as possible.  PF asked PJD to send out an email to all governors to ask if they would like to continue on the SGC next academic year. If anybody would like to resign, PF said that any recommendations for new governors would be most welcome.	PJD