



THE CENTRE SCHOOL LOCAL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (LGC)

Tuesday 28 January 2025

To be held from 6.00pm

Remotely through Teams

Membership:

Pri Pinnaduwa (Chair); Sue Raven (Principal); Richenda Jaggard; Alison Jones; Kate Lees; Stuart Taylor, Richard Watson.

In attendance: Jo Myhill-Johnson; Chris Cassidy (Vice Principal).

Clerk: Melanie Basson.

Minute Reference	Summary of action required	Responsible	Status
01.10.24 Item 1	Complete annual safeguarding training through The National College	AJ	
01.10.24 Item 1	Follow up potential candidate to join TCS LGC	Principal/ Clerk	

Agenda

Item	Timings	Subject	Format
1	2 mins	Introductions and apologies	Oral item - Chair
2	2 mins	Declarations of interest	Oral item - Chair
3	5 mins	Minutes, action tracker and matters arising Minutes of last meeting on 3 December 2024	Papers attached (pp3-6) - Chair
4	30mins	Principals Update and questions	Oral item - Principal
5	10 mins	TCS Positive Handling policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and adopt 	Papers attached separately
6	2 mins	Future agenda items and confirmation of forthcoming dates Date of next meeting 25 March 2025	Oral item - Chair
7	2 mins	Any Other Business	Oral item - Chair



The Centre School

Local Governance Committee Meeting

Tuesday 3 December 2024

through Teams

MINUTES

Members Present:	Kate Lees (Acting Chair); Sue Raven (Principal); Richenda Jaggard; Alison Jones; Stuart Taylor.		
In Attendance:	Melanie Basson (Clerk); Chris Cassidy (TCS Vice Principal)		
Minute Reference	Summary of action required	Responsible	Status
25.06.24	Light touch template to be shared with the committee	CC	Complete
01.10.24 Item 1	Complete annual safeguarding training through The National College	AJ	31 December 2024
01.10.24 Item 4	Publish TCS LGC statutory information	Clerk/RJ	Complete
01.10.24 Item 8	Complete training, read assigned literature and return Self declaration forms to Clerk	RW	Complete
01.10.24 Item 11	Electronically ratify TCS Attendance policy 2024-25	All	Complete
01.10.24 Item 1	Follow up potential candidate to join TCS LGC	Principal/ Clerk	

1) Introductions and apologies

The meeting started at 6.00pm.

The committee accepted apologies for absence from Pri Pinnaduwa and these were accepted by the committee.

In the absence of the Chair, it was arranged for Ms Lees to Chair this meeting.

Richenda Jaggard was welcomed as a new staff Governor.

The committee noted Alex Davies' resignation from the LGC, who has been thanked for his contribution to the LGC.

The Principal informed the committee that a parent has expressed an interest in joining TCS LGC. **Action: Principal to put candidate in touch with the Clerk.**

2) Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest for agenda items regarding this meeting.

3) Minutes, Actions and Matters Arising

The minutes of the previous meeting held by TCS LGC on 1 October 2024 were approved on 11 November 2024 and adopted as a fair and accurate record of the meeting.

Matters arising.

The committee noted matters arising from the last meeting and updated the action tracker accordingly.

4) Principal's Update and questions

The Principal's report was circulated to the committee in advance of the meeting and questions were invited.

- Safeguarding
- Teaching and Learning
- Behaviour and Culture
- Attendance
- Progress towards AIP for 2024-25
- HR, Operations and Site Update
- NOR Update
- Regional Director's Formal Visit Actions-HT1
- Any other academy matters: to include enrichment and community

The Principals report was taken as read and questions were invited:

Staffing

The Principal reported that 2024-25 appraisal objectives are being set for staff.

Curriculum

Ms Myhill-Johnson – Regional Director visited TCS to review the Humanities Department, report to follow at the next LGC meeting.

Behaviour and Culture

The Principal reported suspensions continue to be an ongoing challenge. There are a small number of students receiving repeated suspensions, of which TCS continue to monitor interventions in place.

When asked about the number of bullying incidents, the Principal explained there may appear to be an increase in numbers but TCS has a bigger cohort, increasing from around 90 students to 137, so this would be expected with accommodating more students.

Ms Jaggard explained more students are joining from Year 7, with this cohort being so much younger than older year groups, this has an impact on behaviour overall.

Attendance

The committee noted this academic year's attendance for TCS students to the end of the academic year to date, overall was 81.2%, a slight increase on this time last year.

Staffing

When asked about staffing, Mr Crisford stated staff are coping well. A parents event was held at TCS today, where staff spoke proudly and enthusiastically about TCS and what is offered.

When asked whether the supply of ADHD medication has improved, the Principal said supply issues have improved. Mr Cassidy explained some students have their regime changed by the doctor by way of trial and error to see what works best for a student. In the meantime students may be impacted until this settles. Some students choose not to follow their medical regime during weekends and school holidays to avoid side effects. Mr Taylor reported staff notice if a student forgets to take their morning medication.

When asked how TCS support students around medication, the Principal explained TCS hold medication for some students on site and can give it to the student to self-administer under supervision

Fundraising

When asked whether there is a central team member to support TCS with fundraising, the Principal confirmed there was not.

Mr Cassidy informed the committee that TCS are in touch with an organisation 'Form the Future', with a view to corporate sponsorship and donation of digital hardware for TCS students.

TCS Farm

Ms Jaggard informed the committee that TCS Farm has unexpectedly gained two lambs, with more on the way any day now. Students benefit and enjoy caring for the animals.

When asked about animal welfare, the Principal said that the mum is feeding her lambs well and lambs are on a three hourly watch, with visits from the vet.

Ms Jaggard reported on the progress of the infrastructure at TCS Farm, which now has flowing water and the plumbing is complete with toilet facilities.

The committee were invited to arrange Link Lead visits.

The Principal was thanked for their report.

5) Future agenda items and confirmation of forthcoming dates

The committee acknowledged the date of the next TCS LGC meeting is scheduled to take place on **28 January 2025**.

6) Any other business

The meeting closed at 6.36 pm.

The LGC agreed the above to be a true and accurate record of the meeting on: 18 December 2024