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Minutes of Full Board Meeting

**Minutes of Full Board Meeting held in Post 16, Clyst Vale Community College,
at 17:30 on Monday 20th January 2020**

Governors in attendance					
Kevin Bawn	KB	Principal	Gina Stroud	GS	Chair
Michael Davies	MD	Co-opted	Laura Waycott	LW	Parent Governor
Ceri Johnson	CJ	Co-opted	Paul Colin	PC	Member Appointed
Simon Sanger-Anderson	SSA	Member Appointed	Dorf Ruscoe	DR	Member Appointed
Dave Walter	DW	Parent Governor	Peter Skelton	PS	Parent Governor
Ben Brook	BB	Parent Governor	Sophy Norris	SN	Parent Governor
Crawford Winlove	CW	Member Appointed	Susan Diffey	SD	Member Appointed

Additional attendees	Initial	Role/Organisation
Sara Jacobs	SJ	Deputy Principal – CVCC

In Attendance	Initial	Role
Mareena Anderson-Thorne	MAT	Clerk

Apologies	Initial	Reason	Apologies accepted by the Board
Allen Bailey	Aba	Unwell	Yes
Paul Sutton	PSu	Personal Commitment	Yes

AGENDA

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	Meeting started at 17:35	
19/20.43	<u>Declarations of Business Interests</u> None declared	
19/20.44	<u>Attendance/Apologies</u> CW not present at the start of the meeting – arrived at 17:45 LW left meeting at 19:05 SLT Apologies (PSu, Aba & AH)	
19/20.45	<u>Minutes of the last meeting, 16.12.19</u> No concerns, minutes signed off.	
19/20.46	<u>Matters arising</u> Healthcare Hub – Update was received from CW (as well as reference made in Principal’s report) 1 st session was due to take place at CVCC the next day 28.1.20. Uptake seems low, however the criteria is difficult for CVCC to align with. East Devon is a largely affluent area, and don’t have high numbers of disadvantaged learners to recruit. One of the other issues has been transport to CVCC from the other 6 th forms. This has been hard to organise. The University need 1 school to take	

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19/20.47	<p><u>Governor training – requests to MAT please (standing item)</u> SN, LW & GS request to attend Sandy park conference</p>	
19/20.48	<p><u>Principal’s Report (Standing item)</u> Principal highlighted not much time had passed between meeting dates – so not much to report. Roll still rising, 10 in year admissions received. Y8 class sizes are becoming a struggle. We don’t have Y12 admission numbers as yet.</p> <p>Recruiting for 3 teaching vacancies; Maths (Permanent); MFL (Fixed term); Drama (Mat Cover) Governors confirmed for Maths and MFL interviews.</p> <p><i>Part 2 Issue was discussed.</i></p> <p>Student voice has been brilliant. Students are very concerned about climate change. Students have got some great ideas; and it’s bigger than RRS. Governors agreed that the focus on climate change was an important one, however there are cost implications and students need to know it can’t all be done at once, a cautious approach and a programme of events needs to be created, however the college priority is raising outcomes.</p> <p><u>Outcomes</u></p> <p>Y13 last data drop implied a value added score of 0, which is actually a good result. Mock results are encouraging, but there is a long way between mocks and real exams. High ability are doing well.</p> <p>Governors questioned that last year outcomes got worse from Mocks to live exams for the High prior attainment category, and could this happen again. SLT confirmed that was due to the fact it is much harder for that group to make progress. If their predicted score is already an 8, in order to make progress, they would need to get a 9.</p>	<p>GS for Maths Interview 31.1.20 PS for MFL Interview 5.2.20</p>
19/20.49	<p><u>Report from Standing Committees:</u></p>	

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19/20.50	<p><u>Governor Recruitment/Resignations</u></p> <p><u>Appointment of F&R Committee member(s)</u> Despite discussing at length, no Governors (that are not already) were happy to step forward to sit on the F&R committee, except</p>	

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	GS. However it was decided that the best practice would be that the Chair and Vice chair should not sit on the same committee.	
19/20.51	<p><u>Items at the discretion of the Chair / AOB</u></p> <p>Parent Governor raised the question regarding the production ticket pricing, and asked how the College reached the ticket price, as they felt it was expensive (at £12.50 per head). SLT explained the price was largely down to us. Following a discussion it was agreed the Production funding would be added to the next F&R Meeting.</p> <p>PC feels Aba needs his own link Governor. SD to link with him from now on.</p> <p>Governors Workshop in 2 weeks' time. Topic for workshop was discussed. Several options for topics were suggested, however decision was made to postpone the Workshop until after options information is known.</p>	<p>MAT to add Production funding strategy to the next F & R agenda.</p> <p>MAT to email SD & Aba contact details.</p> <p>MAT to notify Governors the workshop is postponed.</p>

The meeting ended at 19:30.

Signed CHAIR:-

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Approved as a true and accurate record of the Meeting on Monday 27th January 2020.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 26th March at 17:30

Membership: 14 Governors – Quorum 4

Name	Position	Name	Position
Kevin Bawn	Principal	Ben Brook	Parent Governor
Michael Davies	Co-Opted Governor	Ceri Johnson	Co-Opted Governor
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