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Minutes of Curriculum, Learning & Teaching (CL&T) Committee Meeting

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

Governors in attendance					
Paul Colin	PC	Member Appointed & Chair of CL&T	Sophy Norris	SN	Parent Governor
Gina Stroud	GS	Chair	Dorf Ruscoe	DR	Member Appointed
Ceri Johnson	CJ	Co-opted	Peter Skelton	PS	Parent Governor
Dave Walter	DW	Parent Governor	Susan Diffey	SD	Member Appointed
Crawford Winlove	CW	Member Appointed			

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

In Attendance	Initial	Role
Mareena Anderson-Thorne	MAT	Clerk

Apologies	Initial	Apologies accepted by the Board
Kevin Bawn	KB	Principal
		YES

ITEM NO.	ITEM	Actions
19/20.11	<u>Declarations of Business Interests –</u> None declared	
19/20.12	<u>Attendance/Apologies.</u> KB is Unwell, PC advised he go home, before the meeting started.	
19/20.13	<u>Use of Funds for Priority Learners - Standing Item</u> PSu gave an update of PL's. The focus is now on Y11. Current predictions for this year's Y11 PL's are on average 1 grade lower than they should be. We have a high proportion of PL's in Y11. 30 out of a cohort of 136, only 5 are on target. Out of the 25 not on target, 4 are non-attending and a high proportion are either SEN or Social emotional needs. PSu explained the measures CVCC were taking. VO is working hard on parent engagement, funding revision guides, leaning walks and JK has begun mentoring them. Governors asked how many of the PL's in the Y11 cohort are likely to attend out P16 department. PSu confirmed that the P16 uptake figures are unknown at this time, but we would expect 5 or 6 students would apply to CVCC P16. Attendance statistics are better than last year. We have 3 non attendees. Governors asked what is happening with the non-attending students.	

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	<p>PSu advised there were reasons for all 3; 1 at Chances, 1 at ACE, 1 with a Medical condition receiving home tuition.</p> <p>SJ added that there is an issue of resilience with PL's. We need to look at this lower down the school. It takes time to build resilience. The focus is there, the resources are there, and things will improve, but we won't be able to close the gap this year.</p> <p>Governors raised the question if more should and could be done earlier.</p> <p>PSu agreed, more could be done earlier, we could prioritise students when options were selected and start tutoring/mentoring then, however it tends to be in year 10 & 11 students start to shake and need input. Governors agreed there are always going to be a cohort each year, and students change as they go through the school, but we have to try and break the cycle or always needing to have a big push in Y11. They reassured that CVCC are doing all they can at the moment with the resources available to them. We will try and utilise some of the resources more in Y10 n the future, to try and break the cycle and not be on the back foot.</p>	
19/20.14	<p><u>Quality of Education Action Plan</u></p> <p>An update was given on the progress being made. Middle leaders have started to map out detailed curriculum plans. SLT are using their link meetings as joint planning sessions.</p> <p>SLT and HoD have increased the numbers of learning walks. This has been very beneficial. Has flagged up a few area's to improve. Not high enough expectations, and ensuring there is an RRS link. CPD is in place to build greater knowledge and depth of understanding. So far this year we have focussed on teaching differentials/SEN/Dyslexia. We are having sharp and focussed CPD in twilight sessions, then following up with learning walks to ensure its being taken on board.</p> <p>We have a separate action plan for Teaching & Learning. We have asked for volunteers to step forward and have created a cross-curricular working party. Currently we have 6-8 very skilled individuals on board. This will ensure T&L is always on the agenda at department meetings. Some departments are in a better place, some have more to do. But we feel this is a good window of opportunity to share good practice across all the departments.</p>	
19/20.15	<p><u>Options & EBacc –</u></p> <p>SJ explained the proposed change that SLT would to make to the curriculum options available. They want to keep high aspirations for the students. Keep KS3 curriculum very broad and enable them to enjoy learning.</p> <p>The proposed change is to reduce the number of GCSE's students do to 9 subjects, instead of the 10 they currently do.</p> <p>Mental health is another big factor. The huge pressure our students feel with opting for 10 subjects. With most subjects now having a final exam, the exam timetable for the students is very demanding.</p> <p>Students and parents are then coming to us to drop subjects, so they can focus on the ones students feel are more important/beneficial to them and their future.</p>	

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	<p>Students often ask to drop their language choice or B&V. By making B&V an optional choice, it gives more time to the subjects the students feel are more important/beneficial to them.</p> <p>A discussion was had around EBacc and the Ofsted requirement. CL&T Governors decided that although our % uptake will drop, however if our overall results improve, and we show that we offer choice and opportunity we should be okay.</p> <p>Some Governors were concerned that limiting the number of GCSE's our students can do will be limiting the more able students. However other Governors reassured them that Colleges and Universities only looked at the grades achieved, not the number of GCSE's obtained. The students are better to have 9 GCSE's at higher grades, than 10 GCSE's at a lower level. By doing 9, it means we can offer the subjects more time to deliver the content.</p> <p>CL&T Governors agree with SLT decision and will recommend the proposal to Full Board.</p>	MAT to include Options & Curriculum review on FB agenda
19/20.16	<u>Curriculum Review</u> Explained above	
19/20.17	<u>Monitoring - Standing Item</u> Not covered – KB unwell	
19/20.18	<u>Minutes of the last meeting</u> Content agreed. Correct attendance for the meeting ascertained. Minutes will be signed when attendance corrected.	MAT to correct attendance and forward to PC to sign
19/20.19	<u>Items at the discretion of the Chair / AOB</u> None	

The meeting ended at 19:00.

Signed CHAIR:-

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 Approved as a true and accurate record of the Meeting on Monday 20th January 2020.
 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 25th June 2020.

Membership: 15 Governors – Quorum 4

Name	Position	Name	Position
Kevin Bawn	Principal	Ceri Johnson	Parent Governor
Dorf Ruscoe	Member Appointed	Crawford Winlove	Member Appointed
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