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**Minutes of the ClystVale Community College
Curriculum, Learning & Teaching Monitoring Group meeting held on 13th March 2014,
at 4.30 pm in Meeting Room 1,**

Part I Minutes

Attendees	Initials		Attendees	Initials	Parent
Jonathan Farnhill	JF	Parent/Chair	Teresa Grieve	TG	
Levon Stephan	LSt	Co-opted	James Lee	JL	Parent

Apologies	Initials	Reason
Greg Evans	GE	Not known

Absent	Initials
Vanessa Francis	VF

In Attendance		CVCC
Kevin Bawn	KB	Principal (Ex Officio)
Chris Dormand	CDo	SLT
Adrian Green	AG	Vice-Principal (SLT)
Dave Walters	DW	SLT
Jill Collins	JC	Clerk

Visitors	Initials

Minutes

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13/14.7	<u>Declarations of Business Interests</u> None	JF		
13/14.8	<u>Attendance/Apologies.</u> None were received prior to the meeting. Apologies were received from GE post meeting.	JF		
13/14.9	<u>Minutes of the previous meeting 4th Nov 13</u> The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.	JF		
13/14.10	<u>Matters arising</u> None	JF		
13/14.11	<u>Current Monitoring Schedule and activities</u> Due to time constraints this item was moved to the full C,L&T meeting which followed on from the Monitoring Group	KB		
13/14.12	<u>Governor Monitoring Visit Forms</u> Monitoring forms from James Lee and Gina Stroud had been circulated. JL talked to the detail of his form which related to two meetings with the Head of Red School (Richard Forbes). The content of the forms was discussed and LSt asked JL about the comments relating to staff disengagement and lack of support and development opportunities. AG responded by saying that he was puzzled by this	JF		

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	<p>comment and that in the last 2 years more money had been put into CPD and the money was targeted to those areas where it was most needed .In addition the College had just joined the 'Teaching Schools Alliance' which would provide group support and training. The form related to visits in November 13 and there has been an improvement since then.</p>			
13/14.13	<p><u>External exam results from January (GCSE)</u> AG explained that late changes to systems in the Autumn now mean that the result of the 1st attempt will count (rather than best result) in performance tables. This will mean that only those students absolutely ready will be entered for exams. Results were mixed. The Maths Department were slightly disappointed with results/levels of progress. Across 3 sets it is difficult to judge how this will affect the final results. In English results were mixed but slightly more positive. Internal Raise indications were showing that 72% had achieved 3 levels of progress providing cautious optimism in English.</p>	JF		
13/14.14	<p><u>Internal 'mock' exam results and other tracking information (GCSE, AS, A')</u> CDo spoke to the mock exam results in 6th Form describing a snapshot of 3 levels of progress in January. More recent data (PANDA) is yet to be seen. On attainment, P16 have lower prior attainment than normal with a small % of A-B at GCSE and C-B students on entry rather than A-B. This is useful to explain why results are not equal to the National level. JL asked where top level student go for 6th Form? CDo responded to say that some go to Exeter College usually because of better transport links or for a change of environment. A higher proportion of vulnerable students stay. The number of external applications this year is down, 18 compared to 50 last year, which is most probably due to the Ofsted result. CDo presented a chart showing 3 year trends on 'value added'. AL had taken a slight dip though nothing significant. Ofsted will be looking for a rise. This is the first year that we have had formal mocks so there is no prior data for comparison. CDo reported that for AS the picture is much more positive. There is a definite increase in progress the data is known showing a 4 year trend for improvement in results. CDo also presented the charts by subject which showed that History was of concern in A Level.</p> <p>DW described the changing scene i.e. less emphasis on attainment and more on progress and</p>	DW/ CDo		

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	<p>the emphasis would continue to change over the next 2 -3 years. From 2015 only the 'best 8' would show value added. KB outlined the changes to come due to the measures introduced for Summer 2016, by David Laws which will use a slightly different 'best 8' measure.</p> <p>JF asked for clarification on which measures Ofsted will look at and DW confirmed 3-4 levels of progress with an eye on 'best 8'.</p> <p>DW talked to a chart presented on levels of progress. Good results are achievable. Targets will be set for subject teams for comparison with overall results. A chart describing levels of progress for year 10 showed positive results but the data will be used by subject leaders to look at every child to see where added value could be made. The focus is on value added score and KB stated that analysis will convert to action on raising academic achievement.</p>			
13/14.15	<p><u>Underperforming Teachers and Subject Areas</u> Due to time constraints this item was moved to the full C,L&T meeting which followed on from Monitoring Group</p>			
13/14.16	<p><u>Monitoring systems update</u> JF reported that the amended/updated Monitoring Form will be presented to Full Board on 17th March 14.</p>	JF		
13/14.17	<p><u>Items at discretion of the Chair</u> None</p>	JF		

The meeting ended at 6:15 pm

Signed by Chair:-Approved as a true and accurate record of the Meeting on the 13th March 2014.

Group Members:

Levon Stephan	Co-opted
Kevin Bawn	Principal/Governor
James Lee	Parent Governor
Gregg Evans	Co-opted Governor
Jonathan Farnhill	Parent Governor/Chair
Vanessa Francis	Parent

Meeting Dates			
Thursday	13 th March 2014	Monitoring Group	4.30 pm
Thursday	12 th June 2014	Monitoring Group	4.30 pm