

MILTON ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Minutes of Curriculum & Community Committee Meeting : Monday 26 January 2009 7.30pm

Present: Ysanne Austin, Steven Clarke, Hilary Hladky, Paul Jobson, Ian Lewin, Carlos Montes (Chair), Sue Romero, Ruth Sapsed.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None
2. **Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the previous Curriculum Committee were approved.
3. **Matters Arising:**

Item 3.1: The report on the cross-curricular governor visit held last term has not been circulated yet.

Action: IL

Item 3.2: The summary report on the parent questionnaire has not been circulated yet.

Action: IL, YA

SR emphasized that it is very important to complete governor reports on visits, because this is evidence that Ofsted will expect to find during inspections.

IL mentioned that he has produced a suggested format for summarising details of governor visits which he will ask everyone to use for the visit next month.

There was a brief discussion about the topics to be observed during the next governor visit on the theme of Maths. The suggestions included: Primary Curriculum, Use of ICT and Homework.

SR will produce a timetable of the maths lessons during the week of the governor visits and CM will circulate all of the documents for the governor visit.

Action: SR, CM

Item 9.1: 3 people have expressed interest in the vacancies for Community Governor. It was suggested that we should ask them to submit their CVs and then arrange to visit the school and meet SR and IL, if he is available.

Action: SR

4. **School Improvement Partner – annual data report**

SR presented information about the "SIP Report of Data Visit". Various data are gathered and assessed by the SIP, including: Attendance and Standards & Attainment. The current focus is to monitor the progress that each pupil makes between the end of KS1 and the end of KS2. The expectation is that 2 levels of progress will be achieved (eg. level 1 to level 3 or level 3 to level 5). If pupils make more than 2 levels of progress on average, then this will indicate an above average performance by the school, though it was noted that KS2 results cannot be higher than level 5, so any pupils who achieve level 3 results at KS1 can achieve a maximum of 2 levels of progress. SR stated that MRPS pupils are achieving above average attainment gains.

SR commented that "Raise Online" is still not available to provide details of last year's KS2 SAT results. This is due to the well publicised national problems with the company that had been contracted to mark the SATs.

5. **Requirements for assessing pupil progress**

HL presented information on the Assessing Pupil Progress (APP) system that will be a statutory requirement for assessment of Maths and Literacy in all Primary schools from September 2009 onwards. It provides a structured approach to teacher assessment, based on Dfes guidelines, that helps equip teachers to make more objective judgements on pupil progress and attainments.

Further information can be viewed at:

www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/primaryframework/assessment/app

Governors thanked SR and HL for the very interesting presentations that they gave.

6. **Review system to record Governors' school visits:**
This agenda item was discussed earlier in the meeting, during Matters arising.
7. **Community issues:**
None
8. **Date of Next Meeting:**
Monday 2nd March 7:30pm

Approved by the Committee on 02-Mar-09