

Minutes – Woodlands Academy Council

Meeting Date: 14 Jan 2025
Location: WDA
Time: 3.30pm

Members	Lance Mason (LM)	Sponsor Councillor
	Catherine Bennett (CB)	Sponsor Councillor
	Andy Kendall (AK)	Sponsor Councillor
	<i>Vacancy</i>	Parent Councillor
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	Katherine Brockett (KB)	Teacher Councillor
	Huw Grove (HG)	Sponsor Councillor

Apologies:	Sarah Rowley (SR)	Sponsor Councillor
	Carey King (CK)	Support Staff Councillor

In Attendance	Lisa Craig	Headteacher
	Susie Weaver	Director of Education
	Sue Burns (SB)	Clerk
	Vicky Counsell (VC)	Senior Principal (left at 5.00pm)

Item	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies	Action
1.1	LM welcomed Vicky Counsell to her first AC meeting.	
1.2	Apologies were received from Sarah Rowley.	
2.0	Declarations of Interest	
2.1	None.	
3.0	Academy Council Membership	
3.1	There are two parent AC vacancies.	
3.2	The Academy Councillors were reminded to complete their training as soon as possible to ensure that the Woodlands SCR is compliant.	
4.0	Minutes of Previous Meeting	
4.1	The minutes of the previous meeting (14.11.24) were agreed to be an accurate record.	
5.0	Actions and Matters Arising	
5.1	6.3 All ACs are invited to join the SLT meeting on Tues 7 January 2025 or Thur 9 January 2025, to discuss the T2 data drop – Completed .	
5.2	6.16 LC to add 'behaviour' to the T3 Agenda – Completed .	
6.0	Academy Council Report	
	Behaviour & Attitudes	
6.1	The ARV was positive about classroom behaviour and that children are engaged in learning. The children have returned in T3 with a positive attitude to learning. Staff are working hard to meet individual needs.	

6.2	[REDACTED]	
6.3	[REDACTED]	
6.4	[REDACTED]	
6.5	[REDACTED]	
6.6	[REDACTED]	
6.7	[REDACTED]	
6.8	[REDACTED]	
6.9	[REDACTED]	
6.10	[REDACTED]	

6.11	[REDACTED]	
6.12	[REDACTED]	
6.13	[REDACTED]	
6.14	<p>When a child is involved with several agencies, do you receive good information from those agencies on arrival.</p> <p>Yes, if the plan is current. If there are historical information and the previous school has CPOMS then the information is transferred with the file. The threshold for accessing social care is very high. The transition arrangements for children with SEND into Y7 are very robust.</p>	
6.15	<p>What is the pupil mobility currently?</p> <p>Mobility remains high.</p>	
6.16	<p>Trigger points are often Breakfast Club and lunchtimes?</p> <p>I go onto the playground for half an hour at lunchtime which defuses behaviour for key children. Breakfast Club behaviour is settled currently because we have addressed alternative options to meet children's needs.</p>	
6.17	[REDACTED]	
6.18	[REDACTED]	
6.19	[REDACTED]	
	Data	
6.20	<p>The Academy Councillors met last week and reviewed the data in depth which was a very useful exercise and was appreciated by all the attendees. There is a pattern of in-year starters being lower attainers which impacts on the year-group percentage. The Phase Leaders hold Core Team meetings with the teachers every two weeks which is very impactful.</p>	
6.21	<p>There has been encouraging progress between mock 1 and mock 2 in Y6 and we are therefore sharing best practice.</p>	
6.22	<p>Adaptive teaching better meets need than differentiation because all children move upwards. We will explore this further because it is a more efficient way of delivering the curriculum and improves children's behaviour because they can access work similar to their peers.</p>	
6.23	<p>Do the teachers continue to stretch the children?</p> <p>Current education practice is to encourage breadth in learning instead of greater depth challenges. This results in all children being challenged further and achieving better outcomes. We are working on a teaching and learning strategy and have created some mental models of what that looks like in our academy.</p>	
	Finance	
6.24	<p>CLF will provide the strategic direction for Woodlands Academy given the current deficit and the national picture of falling pupil numbers.</p>	

	Link Visit Reports	
6.25	SEND - LM	
7.0	Policies	
7.1	None	
8.0	Matters for the attention of the Board /COAC	
8.1	None	
9.0	AOB	
9.1	None	
10.0	Close of Meeting	
10.1	The meeting closed at 5.45pm	