

Plumpton College
Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Corporation
held on Tuesday 26th January 2010

- Present: Mike Atkinson - Governor (Chairman)
David James - Governor (Vice Chairman)
Nigel Ellis - Governor
John Evans - Governor
Pat Foster - Governor
Julia Hadden - Governor
Christine Howe - Governor
Des Lambert - Governor/Principal
Judy Llewellyn-Burke - Governor
Neil Ravenscroft - Governor
Stan Stanier - Governor
- In attendance: Jenny Brooker - Clerk
Geoff Gregory - Deputy Principal (Resources)
David Stokes - Deputy Principal (Academic & Quality)
Val Wilkinson - Director of Finance & Administration
- Apologies: Jeremy Courtney - Governor
David Evans - Governor
David Rafferty - Governor
Denise Stokoe - Governor
Jeff Trunkfield - Governor

Meeting commenced at 1.30 pm

Minute No.		Action by when	Action by whom
GOV/10/1	<p>Student Disciplinary Policy</p> <p>The student disciplinary policy had been updated. Key proposed changes including distinguishing between academic and not academic behaviour related problems and a change in the appeals process from a panel of governors to the Principal or Deputy Principal hearing the appeal.</p> <p>It was identified that the inclusion of a governor in the appeals process would provide validity to any decision made. Other minor proposed changes to the policy were also identified.</p> <p>[Mrs Lewellyn-Burke, Mr Evans, Miss Howe and Ms Wilkinson arrived at the meeting at the meeting].</p> <p>Agreed: The student disciplinary policy be approved and circulated to governors subject to the following changes:</p>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Governor to be included in the appeal process. • Consistent terminology to be used throughout the policy regarding disciplinary sanctions. • A limit to be added to the punitive fine that could be imposed if a student caused damage to property. • The final paragraph of the policy to be altered to state that an appeal hearing may proceed in the absence of the student (rather than will proceed). <p>[Mr Gregory and Mr Partridge arrived at the meeting].</p>	01.02.10	JKB
GOV/10/2	<p>National Commissioning Framework Consultation</p> <p>A proposed response to the National Commissioning Framework consultation was considered by members.</p> <p>Much of the response covered issues the Corporation had previously discussed.</p> <p>Agreed: The proposed consultation response be submitted.</p>	31.01.10	JKB
GOV/10/3	<p>Review of Governance and Strategic Leadership</p> <p>A proposed response to the LSIS commissioned review of governance was considered by members.</p> <p>Members broadly welcomed the conclusions of the report including the recommendation that there should be a move away from statutory requirements to a more flexible approach to enable Corporations more freedom to shape the direction of their work. Members also welcomed the reference to good governance at Plumpton stated in a foot note to the report.</p> <p>Agreed: The proposed consultation response be submitted.</p>	31.01.10	JKB
GOV/10/4	<p>Confidential Items</p> <p>Agreed: That in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the Minutes for the remainder of the meeting be recorded on a confidential basis and remain so unless and until they become public in the ordinary course of the Corporation's business.</p> <p>[Mr Ellis, Mr Gregory, Mrs Hadden, Dr Stokes and Mrs Wilkinson left the meeting].</p>		