

TEACHING AND LEARNING COMMITTEE



WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL 2015

GATESHEAD COLLEGE

Report: Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21 January
2015
Author: Clerk
Action: Approve
Status: Open

Present: David Mitchell (Chair)
Judith Doyle (Principal)
Catherine Dennis
Ivan Jepson
Chris Toon

In attendance: Tom Cantwell
John Gray
Andrew Robson
Gillian Forrester
Tim Poolan
Samantha Pritchard (acting Clerk)

T/17 Welcome/Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Nick Hurn and Mark Taylor.

The Chair invited members to declare any interests on any item on the Agenda. Members noted that should the direction or debate on any items result in a potential conflict of interest, this should be indicated during the meeting. Members were also reminded to advise the Clerk of any changes to be made to the declarations of interest.

The congratulations of the Committee to Nick Hurn on his OBE were noted.

T/18 Minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 1 December 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1 December 2014 were accepted as an accurate record save that in the second paragraph on page 4 "employees" was changed to "employers".

T/19 Matters Arising

It was noted that Malcolm Fraser of Ofsted had provided his follow up letter and that the Principal would circulate.

There is a meeting with the Trade Unions next week in relation to the establishment of the link governor programme to discuss governors' involvement in observation processes.

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Page 11 – it was agreed that the A Levels, and IT and Business reviews would be postponed. Chris Toon (CT) explained that exposure to risk related mostly to A-Level, and that monthly meetings to ensure interventions were being implemented and were effective were taking place. In-year retention and attendance have improved in IT.

ACTION: The Chair asked Heads of Groups to attend the April meeting to provide a more detailed update.

Page 14 – The SAR is on the portal. The College is awaiting some additional information on value added. The QIP will be posted alongside the SAR. The College is currently working on a summary version of the SAR.

Page 12 – Grade 2 for Outcomes has been substantiated by QSR data.

T/20 Higher Education Review

Tom Cantwell (TC), HE Co-ordinator presented the Report to the Committee.

In response to questions TC confirmed that the College will receive its formal judgement the week after the Higher Education Review. Recommendations will be made which must be published on the College's website and an action plan must be created which is signed off by the Principal. It was noted that the College was pleased to have TC leading on its responses to the review.

The Report was considered and noted and the Committee confirmed it was happy to endorse the content.

Tom Cantwell left the meeting at 5.10pm

T/21 College Performance Report

The report and the record of discussion 'are closed to the public' until such time as they are no longer commercially sensitive

T/22 Teaching, Learning and Assessment Report

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T/23 Quality Improvement Plan

AR, Strategy Manager, Quality and Performance presented the Quality Improvement Plan to the Committee.

The Chair noted that the Report was comprehensive and picked up a number of issues that had been discussed at the Committee. He felt that some targets needed to be more focused and AR agreed to look at this, in particular in areas D & E which both deal with Maths and English.

The Committee discussed and endorsed the Report.

T/24 In Year Performance Report

AR, Strategy Manager, Quality and Performance presented the Report to the Committee.

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CT confirmed that he was not seeing any cause for concern that needed to be brought to the attention of the Committee. The Chair commented that the advances of NEET learners was very good considering their status as a hard to reach group.

The Committee noted the Report.

T/25 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

T/26 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 29 April 2015 at 4.30pm.