

## Minutes of the meeting of the PGC Steering Group held at Scalby School on

Tuesday 15 June 2010

Present            Graeme Casper (Chairperson)  
                     Paul Tarn  
                     Jason Haddington  
                     Sherri Williamson  
                     Rachel Dartnell-Smith  
                     Stephanie Hartley  
                     Karen Watling  
                     Andy Robson  
                     Steve Newlyn

Apologies        Pam Hume  
                     John Scoble

### 1. Welcome

Mr Casper welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming

### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Steering Group held on the 22 February 2010 were agreed as a true record of the meeting

### 3. Matters arising

Gifted and Talented Programme - Mr Tarn explained to the meeting that all children are tracked using the Jesson Point score and the FFTD. However, Mr Tarn is to investigate further the gifted and talented programme.

**Action: Mr Tarn**

4. **Ofsted Meeting**:- A parent enquired as to the procedure for the selection of parents to meet with Ofsted. Ofsted requested that the school chose two parents to meet with them; the reason for the short timescales was that the Ofsted inspection moved to a full inspection at short notice.

Action Ends

5. **Post Afternoon Club Transport**- This item has been raised once more with regard to students accessing school transport following after school activities. It was suggested that parents could share the responsibility, which would be an informal arrangement between them such as car sharing. The question was asked whether Scalby School could share transport with other local schools. Mr Tarn advised he would explore this further.

**Action: Mr Tarn**

6. **School Lunch** - A parent asked if the pricing policy had increased for school lunches. Mr Tarn informed the meeting that he was not aware of such an increase. It was also mentioned that

some pupils had reported that the school meal staff had started clearing the canteen before they had eaten. Mr Tarn advised he was unaware of this but would make enquiries.

**Action: Mr Tarn**

7. **School Dress Code:-** A parent asked if there was a dress code for staff. Mr Tarn stated that all staff must be dressed in a professional and appropriate manner. The discussion led to student uniform in particular the new school tie to be introduced, which is clip on. Parents asked if it would be possible for students to wear a short sleeved shirt during the summer months and if the petrol blue skirt could be purchased cheaper. It was decided to raise this in the future with the new head, Mr Read.

**Action: Mr Casper**

8. **Helping the School:-** A question arose as to how parents could help the school. Mr Tarn suggested this topic be broached with Mr Read. It was suggested that parents may be able to assist with reading etc. In the future. However, Mrs Michael is developing an initiative called the "No Child Left Behind" scheme. This is to contribute to the school moving from "Good" to "Outstanding" where every teacher would be involved in literacy and numeracy to enable all children to attain good grades in each subject.

**Action: Mr Casper**

9. **Sporting Events:** A parent asked why Scalby School was not taking part in Scarborough schools' sporting events. Mr Tarn stated he had spoken to the Sport Department and they have confirmed that the school are active partners in school sports, Mr Davis stated that the school participates in all school sports fixtures which are led by George Pindar Community Sports College. He said "It is rare that we are unable to attend but there are times when we have not been involved in activities and this has particularly been rugby due to weather and timing issues. Just about everything that is offered to us we attend. Students from our school are also involved in the primary schools in the community through the school sports coordinators programme. We have students helping lead Northstead Primary sports day. We have run at least seven extra- curricular clubs each term with one member of staff short and will continue to offer a variety of activities next year".

10. **Members of the Steering Group:-** A parent asked if the number of individuals on the Steering Group that are members of the IEB/SGB is appropriate. The group thought it is appropriate and is a good link between the two groups.

11. **World Challenge-** Following discussion Mr Wappat (Vice Principal) contacted the Chair stating this worthwhile and enriching opportunity is suitable for Scalby School students in years 10 and 11. Nationally, there are 481 students under 15 currently following the course and 1809 students aged 15-16 following the course. Students are currently raising funds for the trip to Kenya in July 2011 and parents were urged to support this worthy cause, and if parents purchase on-line from Tesco, Ebay, Debenhams, Amazon etc. etc. they could register as a member at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk). If they then go via the easy fundraising website to the individual websites and then make their purchase as normal the shops in

question will donate a percentage of the price to the World Challenge cause. For example Ebay donate 15%!!!!!! **THIS DOES NOT COST YOU ANYTHING EXTRA.**

12. **Local Education Authority:-** The Chair was contacted by the LEA and asked if he would share Scalby School PCG's experience and knowledge with a school that has recently entered special measures with a PCG is presently in the development stage. This he agreed to do and more details will follow.

**Action: Mr Casper**

#### **Any Other Business**

Mr Tarn informed the meeting that the power supply to the food technology suite will be insufficient due to the provision of new equipment. This, of course, would be a cost to the school. Mr Tarn will report further on this issue.

**Action: Mr Tarn**

**Water Fountain:-** Progress was requested on the provision of water fountains in the school Mr Tarn asked the Chair to discuss the subject with Nigel Penn.

**Action: Mr Casper**

**School Trip/Travel Policy:-** This was raised with regard to students who misbehave and their exclusion on school trips. It was stated that it should be made clearer to parents. Mr Tarn asked the Chair to contact the school to enquire if there could be a standard letter produced in line with the school policy.

**Action: Mr Casper**

**School Music:-** Mr Tarn informed the meeting that a single has been made in memory of Ellie Othick-Bowmaker. This will be released on 5 July 2010 and there will be a Facebook campaign and Chris Evans from BBC Radio 2 has been contacted.

The Chair thanked Mr Tarn on behalf of the group for all his good work in the school as this was the last PCG Steering Group meeting he would attend.

Dates of future meetings to be arranged for the new school year.