

Meeting of:	CHB Management Committee Discussion Meeting
Date/Time:	21 st January 2024, 17:00-18:30
Location:	Teams
Distribution:	Full Management Committee and website once approved.
Quorum:	At least half the number of current members is required to be present for decisions to be binding. The meeting was quorate throughout.
Present:	<p>Members (voting) Lydia Majic LMa – Co-Chair Rachel Carter RC - Vice Chair Tim Self TS – Headteacher Amanda Meier AM Luke Lording LL Jo Black JB Kate Barker KB Diana Boyd DB Lorraine Myles LMy Ruth Quill RQ</p> <p>Other Rhiannedd Hughes (LA) RH – from Agenda Item 4. Sammie Lea - Clerk</p>
Apologies:	Carla Butler CB – Co-Chair Simon Bowen SB
Absent:	Jackie O’Quinn JO

MINUTES AND ACTIONS

1.	<p>Welcome, apologies and absence</p> <p>LMa opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending at short notice. Apologies were accepted from CB and SB.</p>
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	Absence was recorded from JO.
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>No declarations of interest were made in any agenda items.</p>
3.	<p>Review Questions on Middle School Consultation</p> <p>LMA invited questions from the MC prior to RH joining the meeting.</p> <p>Member asked if we are doing this because it is the best thing for the school or because there is no other good choice for the children. It was discussed that what was important was to discuss what we think about the proposal, if the children would benefit, and what was best for the school and the city.</p> <p>Member was concerned it would feel like an extension of primary school for them, and deny them the opportunity of a secondary school transition and high school experience. They would also feel uncertainty about their future, if they sense that from the staff.</p> <p>Member highlighted that although it is an interim measure, it is not temporary for the students involved – it is their school experience. Is a clear plan outlined for after Year 8? There is not. There was concern for what would happen after. This plan would offer the LA breathing space to be able to decide what the longer-term plan is.</p> <p>Member asked why this is so last minute when it has been known for a long time that HWC is struggling. The MC agreed but felt it was important to focus this meeting on what can be influenced now, not decisions of the past.</p> <p>Member asked how this would impacts other aspects of CHB, and that it was likely negatively. Member said with correct staffing and time for management, that could be avoided.</p> <p>It was discussed that attracting the right staffing could be challenging if the positions are not permanent. Reassurance is needed that there will be work after Year 8, and that staffing levels will not affect other provisions. The key would be not to put onerous pressure on TS.</p> <p>Member felt this was one of the most important decisions the MC would make in terms of impact on the children and CHB.</p> <p>Member was concerned about the impact on primary-aged children downstairs of having older children upstairs. Particularly when dysregulated.</p> <p>The benefit of knowing most of the students already was discussed, and also having the ability for staff to begin in the summer term to get to know the students and the school's ways of working.</p>

	<p>Member asked if there was any space for a counter proposal. If the school has reached its limits, that isn't a bad thing to say. We need to think strategically and long-term, in order to benefit the most young people.</p> <p>Rhiannedd Hughes was invited to join the meeting.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Ask Questions on Middle School Consultation</p> <p>Introductions were made. RH shared that Georgina sends her apologies.</p> <p>RH shared that a focus of the SEND and AP change programme is making sure that the city has the right provision available at the right time, and that there will be many changes across the city in the next two years.</p> <p>Children cannot currently be placed at Homewood College, and that is why this would be funded at HWC rate.</p> <p>Member asked what other options had been looked at, and why this was thought to be the best option. RH highlighted the importance of keeping children in their local community. High cost independent settings don't offer this. It is not just about costs.</p> <p>MC asked about the concern to other CHB provisions. Staffing costs are likely to exceed the budgets. RH – If the costs do exceed what is allocated then we can look at it. The MC asked for that in writing, and for a SLA that has the flexibility to accommodate increased costs.</p> <p>MC asked why it would work with CHB, but not with HWC. RH shared that she did not know why it did not work at HWC. She is Head of SEN Strategy Service and does not work in school improvement. This is an interim measure to take away pressure.</p> <p>MC asked what would happen to the children after the two years. RH – Options could be that HWC becomes academised or the LA commissions satellite free schools.</p> <p>MC asked if there was not a middle option between a £26k placement and a £50-60k placement. RH – Most children are having their needs met at CHB or mainstream primary. The placement cost is sufficient to meet most needs.</p> <p>The MC expressed concern for more places being requested than the 12 commissioned.</p> <p>Member shared that the MC wouldn't be able to understand the impact of the SLA without having a SLA for the rest of the provision. RH said she would speak to Richard Barker.</p> <p>Member asked what we are not doing because it is an interim measure vs a permanent measure, when it is a permanent measure for those children attending at</p>

	<p>that time. RH – it is interim because there will be so much change through the SEND and AP programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ ACTION: The MC were invited to email any further questions to TS by Wednesday, so that responses were heard by Monday. ➤ ACTION: The LA to provide an information session to the MC around the DfE’s SEND and AP Change Programme and the 3-tier model. (AM)
5.	<p>AOB</p> <p>None raised.</p>
6.	<p>Confidential items</p> <p>No items were deemed confidential.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 18:50.</p>

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