**Eastbourne Local Board Committee - MINUTES**

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| Date | | 17.05.21 | | Time | 3 – 5 pm | | |
| Venue | | Online  [Click here to join the meeting](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NGVjOWRlZGUtMDY5YS00N2JlLWEzNDItYmM5ZmUyZjIxZGE3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%226c305faf-0510-4b2e-9784-0014d111e524%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%225287fe98-6594-4e93-8519-57d871d3359e%22%7d) | | | | | |
| Chair | | Joanne Rogers | | | | | |
| **Membership:** Joanne Rogers (Chair), Andy Thomas, Annie Wills, Debbie Owens, Duncan Kerr, Hannah Cheeseman, Helen Nichols, Huxley Knox-Macaulay, Jo Folwell, Josh Babarinde, Keith Ridley, Kobe Piper, Kris Hayter, Lisa Gillette, Richard Garland, Sam Skevington, Stephen Holt, Graham Cook  **In attendance:** Mark Wardle, Deputy Principal, Jo Shiner, Sussex Police Chief Constable (from 4.30 pm) | | | | | | | |
| **Present:** Joanne Rogers (Chair), Duncan Kerr, Helen Nichols, Huxley Knox-Macaulay, Jo Folwell, Josh Babarinde, Keith Ridley, Sam Skevington, Stephen Holt, Graham Cook  **Apologies:** Kris Hayter, Lisa Gillette, Annie Wills and Hannah Cheeseman | | | | | | | |
|  | **Item** | | **Action/s** | | | **By Whom** |
|  | **Apologies and welcome**   * Mark Wardle (Deputy Principal) | | The Chair welcomed the members and advised that Sussex Police Chief Constable, Jo Shiner, will be joining at 4.30 pm as a guest speaker. JS will be informing the Board around policing priorities for Sussex and how it relates to the College.  The Chair welcomed Mark Wardle (MW), the College’s Deputy Principal. MW spoke about his background as a former Cavendish School pupil, Park College student and employee at the Eastbourne and Hastings campuses prior to his role at Cornwall College and as an Ofsted Inspector.  The Chair welcomed Graham Cook (GC). GC is a member of the main College Board of Governors and a former student. GC has a background in local government. | | |  |
|  | **Declarations of Interest** | | None received. | | |  |
| **3)** | **Minutes of the meeting 8 March 2021 and matters arising** | | The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.  The Chair thanked JF for the opportunities for Local Board members to visit the campus on several occasions recently. Feedback confirms the visits have been thoroughly enjoyed by members of the Board and the staff and students involved. JF reported that the Heads of Curriculum are following up on discussions with Board members which is very beneficial to the College. The Chair would like to encourage all Board members to participate in further opportunities when available.  Following on from the Chair’s recent visit to the College’s newly created kitchen garden by Foundation students, all Board members are invited to join the Chair in “pledging a plant”. Small kitchen garden plants can be donated via main reception in ECAT House addressed to Christine Adolph. SH offered to pass on details of the College’s requirements to Hilliers Garden Centre who have expressed an interest in helping local community projects.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  JB will continue to update the Board around the Art on the Line Project, in particular Hampden Park station, where the proposal to work with local schools on designing artwork for the waiting room is gathering pace – watch this space! | | |  |
| **4)** | **Local Board update** | | The Local Board Report is attached to the minutes and the main points were shared at the meeting by JF. | | |  |
| **5)** | **Feedback from Local Board Members**   * Students * Staff * Local board members | | Student Applications  RC advised that student recruitment is a high focus for the College and there is a need to be clear about the core campus offer. Recruitment in 2021 has been slow and impacted by COVID-19, legacy reputation issues and a changed A Level offer, meaning some students from Eastbourne have chosen other campuses. However, actions are in hand to improve the position now the campus has re-opened. MW is planning to meet with Year 10s in key Eastbourne schools, to find out what they want and what might be changed to make Eastbourne the learning destination of choice.  It was noted that the College has secured funding to commission a report from an independent sector professional who will be providing insight. This report will be shared with the Board when available. RC confirmed the College team is working hard to address the decline and turn the tide.  Destinations and WEX  The dialogue between the West Rocks Hotel and the College is moving forward and **RC** will request an update and provide feedback. KR offered to facilitate the representation of the College to the Eastbourne Hotels Association via People Matter. **RC** thanked KR and will put the relevant people in touch with KR.  The Chair thanked JF for the detailed report. | | | RC  RC |
| **6)** | **Local Board Update 2020-21**   * Chair Update * Topics and guest speaker for next academic year | | Chair Update  Jo Rogers announced that she is standing down from the College Board as Vice Chair and although she will no longer chair the Local Board, she would like to remain a member.  Graham Cook was confirmed as the new Chair of the Local Board and GC expressed how much he is looking forward to his new role and building on the momentum created by JR.  Topics and guest speakers for next academic year  The following suggestions were noted:   * The local MP (Caroline Ansell) is keen to come next academic year * The Towner * Rotating Heads of Curriculum * Re-development main contractor * Identity, Michael Gietzen, MD | | |  |
| **7)** | **College Strategic Plan** | | RC presented the College Strategic Plan to the Board. The slides will be shared electronically with the Board together with an invitation to contribute to the consultation process. | | |  |
| **8)** | **Guest slot**  **Jo Shiner, Sussex Police Chief Constable** | | The Chair welcomed Jo Shiner, Sussex Police Chief Constable to the meeting.  JS detailed how COVID has changed the face of policing and shared her view that that there are many frustrated, bored and angry young people in society. There has been an emergence of unhelpful behaviours which are being addressed with schools. Early signs of crimes having been committed behind closed doors are now being investigated in order to safeguard those young people.  Eastbourne priorities in particular, include anti-social behaviour, graffiti and an increase in teenage suicide. County Lines are also a problem, exacerbated by the naivety of those young people being targeted. JS explained a need to dispel the glamour associated with County Lines and to communicate the hard reality of involvement ie. intimidation and violence, including torture.  Sussex Police is applying for additional funding to bolster the Reboot initiative. This initiative is aimed at the reachable, teachable moment in a young person’s life when a difference can be made. Sussex Police is very keen to work closer together with the College on all these issues.  RC spoke of the Eastbourne Transition Programme for Year 11s who have struggled in school. The programme is aimed at supporting keeping young people in education in a route that will be successful in getting them into College.  JS will pass on the open invitation offered by RC for police officers to increase their educational engagement by making use of an open tab for tea/coffee in the College’s student café/common rooms on campuses.  DK sited one of the many examples of crime prevention relating to sport and would be keen to explore the opportunity for collaborative working between Wave Leisure, the College and Sussex Police.  **RC** will arrange a further meeting with JS.  The Chair thanked JS for joining the meeting and starting the conversation and expressed her hope to invite JS to return to a future meeting of the Board. | | | RC |
| **9)** | **AOB** | | RC, on behalf of the Board, expressed a huge thank you to Jo Rogers for all her support and effort and also thanked in advance Graham Cook, as in-coming Chair.  RC also thanked Huxley Knox-Macaulay for his valuable input to the Board as he retires. | | |  |
| **Next Meeting dates:**  tbc for 2021-22 | | | | | | |