

Burlington Junior School

Minutes of the Curriculum Committee meeting held on Wednesday 05 June 2024

Present: Mrs Pip Utting (Head of School)
Mr Stephen Arbuthnot (Chair)
Mr Stefan Bown (Vice Chair)
Mrs Julie Hickman
Mr Simon Gilmour
Mrs Mariam Uteem
Mrs Mariam Hakim
Ms Sarah Finch
Mr West

In attendance Miss Chloe Albury, Year 3 Class teacher
Mr Ricky Panesar, Year 5 Class teacher
Miss Elena Gorman, Y6 Class teacher
Miss Aniq Mir, Clerk

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs Campbell, Mr Shah, Mr Kewley and Miss Harris

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2024 were approved.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Geography Curriculum Update

Governors watched a presentation delivered by Miss Gorman that gave an update on the [Geography Curriculum](#)

The following points were raised and noted:

Governors suggested and asked if the school would consider using the [Go Jetters](#) programme, which is widely used in schools? Miss Gorman welcomed the suggestion and said the school will look into this.

Governors asked what field trips the school is planning over the next year? Miss Gorman reported that a river walk for year 3 and the Natural History museum are being considered.

Governors asked as we are part of a cluster would the school consider linking up with another school for trips and sharing coaches? The HT reported that with the size of the school this could be quite challenging because our children fill up the coaches which means we cannot save on costs this way. The HT suggested that the school could possibly save on costs if a visitor was invited in to work with a few schools and then the costs could be split.

5. Computing Curriculum Update

Governors watched a presentation delivered by Mr Panesar that gave an update on the [Computer curriculum](#)

The following points were raised and noted

Governors queried if the samples of 25/400 children represented the whole school? Mr Panesar explained that the use of a Google survey would not give true reflection because often the children do not understand the questions. This is why a learning walk approach is often more effective. The HT suggested that going forward it would be helpful if the governors helped with surveys to get more responses.

Governors asked how much time was spent teaching the use of IT programmes such as Google docs, slides and Google classroom in preparation for secondary schools - Mr Panesar reported that the teaching starts from year 3. Each year the group receives 2 terms of digital literacy. The HT added that the use of google classroom has increased since Covid.

Governors asked how Computing is linked to other subjects? - Mr Panesar reported that computers are used mostly for research in other subjects. Programmes such as Google docs are used for writing in English and slides for Geography presentations.

Governors asked how Art and illustrations were linked to Computing? - Mr Panesar responded that Vector drawings link when noodles are used to design logos.

Governors asked which devices are used for computing? - Mr Panesar reported the use of a variety of devices such as iPad, Desktop and Chromebook. The school recognizes the importance of early learning in Ks2 re computing in preparation for secondary school.

6. History Curriculum Update

Governors watched a presentation delivered by Miss Albury that gave an update on the [History Curriculum](#)

The following points were raised and noted:

Governors recognised the diversity of the school and the recent changes made in the curriculum to reflect this. How much flexibility do you have to make adaptations when necessary? - Miss Albury reported that the vast majority of the curriculum is set by the DFE with some flexibility to make changes in line with the needs of the schools.

Governors asked how the school measures success on new topics such as Islamic Civilisation? - Miss Albury reported that pupil voice presentation of findings is used to measure success.

Governors asked if the Islamic Civilisation topic would be rolled out in other year groups? Miss Albury reported that it would remain in year 6 for now as it fits best with that year group.

7. Any Other Business

Governors talked about how Geography was one of the subjects that was a mini focus during the last Ofsted visit - How does the school feel about that? - The HT reported how the school has received support from AFC and through peer, reviews to make improvements and the subject had meant a strong focus for Miss Gorman and the school this year.

Governors questioned if core subjects were meeting targets? - Mr West reported that the grammar school preparation has helped Maths remain on target. English is more challenging and requires more effort.

Governors asked when the recent school test results would be available? - The HT is to share details as soon as they become available in July.

8. To be actioned

Headteacher to action more support from governors with pupil voice surveys.

9. Date of Next Meeting

05th November at 7.00 pm

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