

**Whitby School
GOVERNING BODY MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on 26th January 2026 at 1.30pm at the Prospect Hill site

Governors Present	Jane Mortimer (JM) Ian Parkin (IP) Mark Taylor (MT) (Chair) Phil Trumper (PT)	Co-opted Co-op Governor Parent Governor Co-opted Governor Local Authority Governor
Apologies	There were no apologies	
Absent with no apologies		
In attendance	Susan Boyd (SB)	Deputy Headteacher
Name of Clerk	Christine Thomas (CT)	
SCHOOL VISION and VALUES	It is important to ensure that all decisions that are made are in line with the schools' vision and strategic direction.	
CORE FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring that the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school are clearly defined • that the headteacher performs their responsibilities for the educational performance of the school • the sound, proper and effective use of the school's financial resources. 	
Item		Record Actions

The meeting commenced at 1.40pm		
Procedural		
1	<u>Welcome</u> The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.	
2	<u>Apologies for absence</u> The meeting was quorate.	
3	<u>Declaration of interests and reminder of governor protocol</u> There were no declarations of interest to note.	
4	<u>Confidentiality</u> To determine whether any part of the proceedings should be treated as confidential and excluded from the minutes to be made available for public inspection: Chair reminded governors of confidentiality. There were no confidential items.	

	<p>In terms of staffing, there had been a legacy issue and the school have also had a resignation over the weekend of the member of staff who had not been in for a while.</p> <p>The timetable had already been adjusted so that the member of staff had not been included. Hopefully, recruitment for this vacancy would happen soon.</p> <p>Question: Governors asked whether any existing staff would be to fill the position.</p> <p>Answer: SB responded that a member of staff had been offered an apprenticeship and three others, who are non-teaching staff, are all on a Maths specialism course to boost their skills.</p> <p>Question: Governors asked for an update in relation to pupil premium.</p> <p>Answer: SB responded that in relation to SEND in Maths, this was a small group so it is difficult to get firm data. SB to circulate a spreadsheet of data to governors in relation to pupil premium and SEND.</p> <p>SB stated that in relation to attendance, there has been little progress.</p> <p>Best performing subjects were the BTEC/vocational subjects, early predictions are difficult but some work had already been undertaken in relation to attainment.</p> <p>Governors discussed subject targets including the worst performing subject which was Computers.</p> <p>Question: Governors asked tht the Ebacc (English Bacculaureate) stance was.</p> <p>Answer: SB responded that this will be a KPI (Key Performanance Indicators) for next year.</p> <p>SB stated that the school encouraged language, however, there was little interest by students in French (19 pupils) and German (17 pupils).</p> <p>Question: In relation to Computer Science (16 pupils), as this was a small group, governors asked whether the school expected these pupils to hit the 4 plus target.</p> <p>Answer: SB responded that according to the DfE (Department for Education) data, class size appears to make little difference rather than the quality of teaching.</p> <p>SB hopes that Computer Science will be replaced with some kind of media teaching in the future.</p>	<p>SB</p>
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	<p>MT thought that they should look at the EBacc in the future.</p> <p>Question: Governors asked how many students do Dance. Answer: SB responded that the pupils breakdown was as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 Dance, • 18 BTec Sport, • 57 Health and Social Care, • 72 Engineering • 28 Hospitality and Catering <p>Question: In relation to career progression, governors asked how these courses linked to colleges. Answer: SB responded that in there was a path to college for Health and Social Care so there is a strong offer. Regarding Catering and Engineering, there was no path. In relation to Dance, some of the students do find places elsewhere after Year 11.</p> <p>All the students have career interviews and staff encourage students to keep their options open.</p> <p>In relation to the next steps for the school, there was a review of the History Department before Christmas 2025 and the revision programme was not strong enough. In the next two weeks, the school wants a calendar list in terms of progression and specific pupils will be questioned as to their prospects. On Friday, staff will interview all Year 11 pupils and on Monday, will hold a review and attainment group which will look at the data and plan a way forward and feed this back to governors.</p>	SB
6	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>There was no other business.</p> <p>Meeting concluded at 14.45.</p>	
7	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u> Wednesday, 15th April 2026 at 10.00am.</p>	

Signed:.....
Chair of Governors

Dated:.....