

TBAP Trust

Local Advisory Board

Name of Academy

Notice of the meeting of the Local Advisory Board

held at The Octagon AP Academy

on 22 September 2014 at 5pm

to transact the business set out in the agenda attached.

PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS TO THE MEETING:

**All papers enclosed
Diaries**

Please see over:

AGENDA

Membership: Simon Garrill (Headteacher, Heartlands High School); Mrs Hameed (parent); PC Lee Robertson (police officer); Angela Tempany (Head of School)

In attendance: All of the above

Achievement

1. **Apologies for Absence:** all members present.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting.** This is the first meeting of the Local Advisory Body, chaired by Angela Tempany
3. **Matters arising.** N/A
4. HoS report to cover review of data for the year to date and 5 year pattern (where available):
 - Achievement – 2013-14
 - GCSE and other Year 11 results analysis 2013 –14
 - KS2 / KS3 Results 2013 – 14

Angela Tempany shared a full achievement report with Board members, including an overview of the school year 2013-14, and action points for 2014-15. Simon Garrill requested information on Haringey Exclusion data so that we could identify which schools were issuing more permanent exclusions data. There were 10 referrals from Northumberland Park in the Terms 5/6.

Board members asked how progress has been measured in the past, given that teachers' predicted grades were not matched by student achievement. AT explained that teacher assessments had not been robust in 2013/14. From 2014/15, all Y11 students take part in CATs tests in September to identify their predicted grades at GCSE. All new students are assessed using the TBAP model of online assessment. This model ensures that achievement at point of entry is accurate. Teachers are then expected to use TBAP models and time frames for measuring progress. Students not making progress will be identified by the end of Term 1, and teachers are expected to offer interventions that will improve progress.

SG asked if the Academy's Performance Management system is robust. AT explained that all teachers have had their first PM meeting and that

targets for all teaching staff specify that all students should achieve at least expected progress in 2014/15.

There was some concern shared amongst the panel that most teachers have been at The Octagon for a number of years and that there may be some challenge in improving performance. There were also concerns raised that staff morale may be low.

PC Lee Robertson shared his concerns about the ongoing challenges of behaviour management on the school site, and the need for all staff to take a more pro-active approach.

Mrs Hameed asked how was information being shared with students? She suggested a visual weekly progress chart, so that students had a regular update on their own achievement. This suggestion was welcomed by AT.

Mrs Hameed also asked about homework and teachers phoning home. AT explained that it was the role of the Learning Guides (teachers and learning support professionals as tutors) to contact parents/carers regularly with updates on behaviour and achievement. Not all students receive homework, although this could be discussed further at the next LAB meeting.

Mrs Hameed also suggested that a student visit to the Bridge Academy would help students to understand what it meant to be part of the TBAP Multi-Academy Trust, and to raise their aspirations, as the other academies have been judged outstanding.

AT will arrange a visit for Y10/11 students before the end of Term 1.

SG suggested that Positive Youth News would be a good forum for sharing good news stories from the Octagon Academy. AT to discuss with Nathan Crawley Lyons, who organises publicity for the TBAP Trust. Meeting fished at 6.45pm.

Date of next Meeting: 24 November 2014