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BORDERS COLLEGE REGIONAL BOARD

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26 October 2023

Report from Curriculum, Quality and Student Experience Committee Meeting 19 October 2023

1.0 PURPOSE OF PAPER

For discussion

1.1 The paper is to discuss the business of the most recent Curriculum, Quality and Student Experience Committee meeting.

2.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2.1 The paper highlights the key items of approval and discussion at the Curriculum, Quality and Student Experience Committee meeting on 19 October 2023 and invites Board to ask any questions or make any comments regarding the business of the Committee.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)/ACTION(S) REQUIRED

3.1 I recommend that the Regional Board: -

3.1.1 Discuss the paper and raise any questions with the Committee members.

4.0 BACKGROUND/MAIN PAPER

4.1 The Committee met via Teams.

4.2 The meeting started with a presentation from Assistant Principal David Lowe on sustainability in the curriculum offer. Which was very informative and may be an item for future Board discussion.

4.3 Self-Evaluation against Regional Outcome Agreement for 2022/23. After some questions this was recommended to the Board for approval.

4.4 Outcome agreement 2023/24. This is a draft with feedback already received from Scottish Government on it. Their feedback was positive and Committee recommended this to the Board for approval.

4.5 Draft annual Committee report. More detail was required, changes to be made before coming back for approval.

4.6 Corporate Parenting Plan Update. A good discussion about this update was held and Committee commended the progress being made.

4.7 Student Guidance and Welfare Report. It was noted that there has been an increase in the number of students disclosing a disability and it was felt that this may be down to increasing awareness amongst students and also that they feel able to disclose a disability at the College. Funding for mental health support continues to be a concern with only short-term funding available.

4.8 Strategic Risk Register. The two risks were noted and Committee welcomed that the Risk Register and Risk Appetite would be discussed at the upcoming Board Development Day.

4.9 Performance Update. A positive update although we are still very early in the academic year.

5.0 Future Skills Strategy Update. Another positive update with any progression against the strategy clearly laid out.

5.1 BCSA Update. A full and informative report from the Student President which was very positively received. The Student President has even gone as far as getting a tattoo with the BCSA logo as a fundraiser!

5.2 Quality and Development Update. Another positive report presented by the Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Quality.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 Financial Implications

5.2 Learner Implications

5.3 Staff Implications

5.4 Equality and Diversity Implications/Equality Impact Assessment

5.5 Sustainability/Environmental Implications

6.0 RISK COMMENTARY

6.1 The paper is for discussion and information, there are no proposed actions or decisions required.

7.0 CONCLUSION

7.1 Members are asked to raise questions about any of the items discussed at the Curriculum, Quality and Student Experience Committee, if required.

I Earp (written by the Board Secretary in the interests of timing as the CQSE meeting was held on 19 October).

Board Secretary

Previous Board or College Committee Approvals: None

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