

FGB Meeting 10 November 2022

Part One - Minutes

Present:

Victoria Abbott (VA)	Adam Boshoff (ACB)
Nigel Freeman (NF)	Faye Messenger (FM)
Amy Betterton (AB)	Tim Hingston (TH)
Lucy Smith (LS)	Tom Crees (TC)

In attendance:

Pam Langridge (Clerk)
Carolynne Ballard (Bursar)

Welcome / Apologies / Declarations

Governors extended a warm welcome to the three newest members who gave a brief introduction.

Apologies were received and accepted from AaT, MM and KM.

There were no declarations.

Constitution

Governors were pleased to note a full compliment.

Chairs Update

ACB discussed outcomes of a recent meeting with Jack Mayhew from the Learning Partnership, which is a local non church based MAT which includes schools such as Loseley Fields, George Abbot and Boxgrove School.

Governors noted the geographical spread of the academy's schools, financial situation, experience and ethos were in principle a good fit for Moss Lane allowing the school to retain autonomy.

Governors agreed 3 board members will arrange to visit one of the schools within the academy to investigate their experience. Then invite Jack Mayhew to an introductory meeting.

It's understood to join for next academic year decisions would need to be made by December / January.

Resources Update

Head Teacher thanked CB for her continued hard work on managing the school budget.

CB is currently working on a 3 year forecast budget to include the new uplifts provided by Surrey eg 129% uplift in gas; 7.3% uplift for contractors etc. CB will present draft at Finance Committee Meeting and then with wider board.

CB agreed to investigate cost of repair to scooter / bike shelter.

Head Teacher Update

Head Teacher invited governors to GLP Health check meeting on 30 November, ACB agreed to attend for one hour during the all-day session.

Head Teacher invited governors to SAFE Health check meeting on 12 December at 8.30am to 9.30am.

TH agreed to attend.

Governors thanked the PTA for agreeing to cover the increase swimming transportation costs.

Governors asked if the school needed any support with persistent non-attendance. It was noted for first time FSM children have the highest absence levels.

Governors were advised that there had been an increase in lateness after the change to school start time.

Governors were advised the safeguarding audit has taken place with TC in attendance and it was a positive experience, and overall complimentary.

Allotment

Governors agreed it is important to recognise and value the space as a classroom and ensure it is the best learning environment and as such an annual budget be allocated for general upkeep / tidiness / safety.

It was agreed it would be beneficial to have a 5 year plan of required works to help focus fundraising.

TH will speak to DofE co-ordinator at Charterhouse to enquire about volunteers to help with allotment upkeep.

AB to contact Merrist Wood College for work experience / volunteers.

Governors agreed it would be a good idea to reach out to corporate volunteer schemes via the newsletter to help support the allotment.

Safer Recruitment Training

It was agreed TC, ACB and AaT would undertake Safer Recruitment Training to be booked before the end of term with Strictly 4S.

GLP

Governors were advised of two new meeting dates and times:

8am 14 November 2022 Teams

8am 21 November 2022 Teams

NF agreed to attend.

SDP

VA to upload documents once updated with newly agreed strategic leads.

Governor Lead Updates

Some strategic Leads were reassigned:

SEN / Pupil attainment – FM

Curriculum – TH

Pupil Well Being – LS

GLP & Stakeholder Well Being – KM

Community & Communication – NF

Premises & H&S – MM

ACB to recirculate summary document.

AB reported results of Year R parent survey to Governors.

67% responses, overall very positive. Governors expressed thanks to the Early Years Team and noted the actions to be implemented from feedback.

AB updated Governors on Sports Premium budget and plans on spend.

Policies

Governors were provided with a summary list and access to the 9 policy documents due for review. Governors ratified all unanimously.

Minutes

Agreed.

Confidential Items

See Part 2 Minutes.

Dates of Future Meetings

7 December 2022

11 January 2023