



FGB Meeting 13 July 2022 Part One - Minutes

Present:

Victoria Abbott (VA)	Adam Boshoff (ACB)
Laura Edmends (LE)	Carol Edmans (CE)
Nigel Freeman (NF)	Mary McAllen (MM)
Amy Betterton (AB)	Aaron Twaits (AaT)

In attendance:

Pam Langridge (Clerk)
Carolynne Ballard (Bursar)
Kyra Mumford (Parent observer)

Welcome / Apologies / Declarations

Apologies received and accepted for AJT & TC.

No business interests to declare.

Governors welcomed KM as an observer interested in the parent governor vacancy.

Constitution

Governors are aware of 3 vacancies (parent, CE and AJT).

Governors were advised Tim Hingston has expressed interest in the Co-opt governor role. Tim is Head of Science at Charterhouse which fits skill gap for Curriculum lead. ACB to follow up.

ACB to meet with KM after FGB to see if she would like to take role of parent governor.

All governors agreed to suggested reallocation of strategic leads for 2022/23.

Chairs Update

Dates of FGB meetings for 2022/23 agreed.

Governors asked for cost of 3 supervision/ consultation visits for HT instead of 5, agreed spend in principle.

Governors agreed spend on SAFE package due to benefits of building a relationship in readiness for Ofsted and support with HT Appraisal as well as cost saving and benefits of continuity.

Governors agreed to end Rocksteady as an extra curriculum opportunity due to demands on space. It was agreed that it is important to prioritise interventions, fully utilise the LSA in purpose built learning space to support the children.

ACB to communicate decision to Rocksteady.

VA to investigate alternative after school music provision.

Head Teacher Report – Children & Learning

Governors were advised there is no national data for comparison but using data from NCER as a benchmark the performance in all areas & year groups across the



school is higher. Governors congratulated HT and staff on performance in progress and attainment.

Governors were advised the school is expecting a higher level of SEN children with ECHP's which will have an impact on resources and budget.

Governors were advised a new reading and phonics scheme is in place. Staff have been practising and up skilling since January led by AB. When the strategies are consistently practised they have positive impact. Details will be shared with parents in the Autumn term with access to an online book. Children will still take home a book to read for pleasure. There are some logistical challenges in the implementation of the scheme which have been overcome with careful timetabling.

Governors recognised the importance of understanding the new scheme including the 7 aspects of learning in preparation for an Ofsted visit focused on reading and phonics. Governors are encouraged to visit the school to watch a reading session.

Governors asked for future HT reports to include comparable data from previous years / national statistics and for statements to include details of impact to evaluate outcomes.

Governors congratulated the school on Woodland provision and suggested including the allotment in welcome tours and open afternoons.

Governors thanked all staff for their hard work over the course of the school year.

White Paper – increase to school hours

After a robust discussion, it was agreed in order to incorporate the required additional 15 minutes by 2023 children should start learning by 08.55am, lunch at 12.05pm and home time at 3.20pm splitting the 15 minutes into 3 x 5 minute impacts.

The Area Schools Officer advised it is good practise to consult on changes to the school day to include parents and local schools.

GLP & MAT

Annual Report & Work for the GLP 2021/22 Presentation: governors confirmed receipt of documents shared with them.

GLP Development Plan: governors confirmed receipt of documents shared with them pertaining to the development plan and priorities.

Governors considered whether to add the school's name to the GLP Business case and agreed to put this decision on hold until more information is available to them to make an informed decision in September.

Governors understood that by adding the school's name it is not confirming intention to convert to an academy.



Governor Strategic Lead Updates

Governors were thanked for their reports (MM, CE, NF).

Policies

Governors were advised the Behaviours Principle Statement review has been postponed to align it to new Behaviour Policy and to wait for input from new SENCO in September.

Minutes

Agreed.

Confidential Items

None.

Dates of Future Meetings

14 September 2022 6.15pm Moss Lane School.