



FGB Meeting 25 May 2022 Part One - Minutes

Present:

Victoria Abbott (VA)	Adam Boshoff (ACB)
Laura Edmends (LE)	Carol Edmans (CE)
Nigel Freeman (NF)	Mary McAllen (MM)
Andrew Turner (AJT)	Amy Betterton (AB)

In attendance:

Pam Langridge (Clerk)
Carolynne Ballard (Bursar)

Welcome / Apologies / Declarations

Apologies received and accepted for AaT & TC.
No business interests to declare.

Constitution

TC application for LA Governor agreed at panel meeting.
AaT will move to Co – Opted leaving a parent governor vacancy which has been published. [Governors encouraged to reach out to parents to recruit for parent governor vacancy.](#) Governors also noted that CE and AJT are coming to end of their terms in autumn and ACB asked if they could actively source replacements.

[ACB suggested re allocation for strategic roles for September, in readiness of anticipated Ofsted visit.](#)

[Governors were asked to think about Chair / Vice Chair positions for September.](#)

[Clerk to send a doodle poll out to determine day and time of FGB meetings for 2022 – 2023.](#)

Chairs Update

Governors were advised of future awards.

Governors were reminded of importance of attending meetings and scheduling visits and training and submitting reports.

Governors reminded key focus for Ofsted likely to be safeguarding, curriculum (reading & phonics) and SEND.

Governors advised no admissions appeals received.

Governors asked to review SDP and annual work plan. VA to circulate date of staff SDP meeting for governor presence.

Governors asked if any objections to proposal of communication mast in Crown Court Car Park, none received.



Head Teacher Report – Resources

Governors queried EAL total numbers (23 / 24).

Governors were advised admission form has been altered to help determine EAL numbers.

Governors were advised new SENCO appointed who will also take on HSLW role with Elsa training.

Governors congratulated school on high attendance figures.

Governors were advised VA has completed training to enable use of Brook Toolkit.

Governors were advised Key Skills Need Audit (KSNA) report received, outcomes good. VA to circulate. Identified area of development – Phonics. School has new scheme to embed so already an area of focus which also impacts the reading activities and resources. A big change and exciting challenge for the team.

Governors were advised that the school did not achieved the well being award and have declined opportunity to be re evaluated later in the year. It was agreed the cost and resources would be better focused elsewhere. Governors were assured that well being in school remains a priority and area of focus.

Governors were advised SAFE have sent through costings of a subscription for services for GLP. **CB will request cost for same service for Moss Lane as an individual school.** In principle governors agreed it was a cost effective package.

Resource Committee Meeting Update

Governors were advised the Resources Committee met in March and after a robust discussion agreed the budget for submission. It was noted costs were based on current pupil numbers and staffing is large proportion of expense.

MAT

ACB shared comments from TC and AaT re GLP.

Governors discussed pros and cons of becoming at MAT:

All governors agreed the importance of keeping autonomy for the school and keeping core values at the heart of decision making eg local school for local children, inclusive school, non faith.

Governors were asked who was in favour of joining a MAT?

Unanimously agreed.

Governors were asked who was in favour of GLP becoming a stand alone MAT?

2 positive responses.

Governors were asked who was in favour of GLP joining an existing MAT as a Hub?
6 positive responses.



Governors were asked who was in favour of Moss Lane joining an existing MAT?
8 positive responses.

In summary governors agreed:

We wish to continue to look into MAT options.

We don't support the GLP application to become a MAT.

We are happy to join a pre existing MAT with the GLP as a hub.

We are happy to pursue looking at alternative non faith MATS.

GLP

Feedback on latest MAT Strategy Group Investigations: governors confirmed receipt of report and updates from latest meetings.

Governor training needs to be included in 2022 – 2023 GLP training program: VA has submitted training needs to GLP Clerk.

Changes to Articles of Association and rationale: all noted.

White Paper

Governors signposted to White Paper.

Governor Strategic Lead Updates

[LE to share minutes of well being meeting attended.](#)

[Clerk to share report from MM.](#)

Governors thanked TC for his report.

Governors reminded to submit papers 7 days prior to meeting.

Policies

Governors ratified the following policies:

Children with Health Needs

Designated teacher for LAC

School Exclusion

Newly Qualified Teachers

Minutes

Agreed with minor adjustment of date of steering group meeting to be updated to 26 May (not 24 March). Clerk to action.

Confidential Items

None

Dates of Future Meetings

13 July 2022 & September TBC

NF to attend strategy meeting 14 June.

ACB to attend AGM 15 or 23 June, VA to confirm.