

FGB Meeting 23 February 2022 - ZOOM Part One - Minutes

Present:

Victoria Abbott (VA)
Laura Edmends (LE)
Tom Crees (TC)
Andrew Turner (AJT)
Aaron Twaits (AaT)

Adam Boshoff (ACB)
Carol Edmans (CE)
Nigel Freeman (NF)
Amy Betterton (AB)

In attendance:

Pam Langridge (Clerk)

Welcome / Apologies / Declarations

Apologies were received and accepted for Mary McAllen

Constitution

Governors were advised LA has resigned from post with immediate effect. Recruitment for a new Local Authority Governor to begin. Next panel meeting is 24 March and application papers must be submitted 7 days in advance (17 March).

Chairs Update & GLP / MAT Update

Governors were advised Chair attended GLP meeting supported by CE and AB. Governors asked if GJS Ofsted Results had been published.

Governors agreed to continue to explore GLP MAT but should also explore other options so as not to miss opportunities.

Governors agreed it was important to map out and understand time frame to consult with stakeholders to include staff and parents to ensure onboard and engaged.

Governors noted the economies of scale benefits may be diluted if joining a MAT spread geographically.

Governors agreed there should be representation from Moss Lane as a founder GLP member as a Trustee of a GLP MAT should it be formed.

Governors agreed to attend steering group meetings: 24 February 4pm TC 9 March 3.30pm CE

25 May 5pm ACB

It was agreed it would be beneficial to have one governor attend steering group meetings the following term for consistency and ACB will consider redistributing strategic lead responsibility to facilitate.

Head Teacher Report

Governors were reminded EYFS children are being graded slightly differently this year.

Governors noted new phonics scheme in place at start of term with training delayed until recent Inset day, significant change for the staff.



Governors agreed the monitoring tool for EYFS was problematic. Governors noted inconsistencies in the number of EAL and PPG pupils. ACB and VA to meet for clarification.

Governors were advised Y1 will be focus this term for SLT to help coach and support planning & teaching.

Governors were advised Y2 have made great progress since September to fix and repair gaps first, it's anticipated results will pull through in Autumn data.

Governors congratulated school on phonics screening results of 91%, which is both above Surrey at 78% and national average.

Governors asked if there were any concerns about the Y2 children transitioning to Junior School.

VA will revisit targets after Autumn data collated to make more aspirational.

Woodland school venue is still under investigation by Vikki King. In interim VA hopes to invite Andy Jeffries to allotment to share vision supported by AaT and ACB.

Governors thanked JF for her detailed report and requested an overview summary in next edition.

Governors received a copy of the recent Health Check Report.

Governors were advised safeguarding audit has been purchased and paid for by GLP, awaiting dates.

Governors were pleased to note the appointment of a new HSLW who will be shared with the GJS.

Governors were advised SAFE will carry out a full key safe skills audit at the school, awaiting dates.

LE will be available for Well Being verification assessment at end of term. Governors recognised importance of prioritising staff and pupil well being even if the award isn't achieved.

Governors were advised VA has applied for and advance course in Mental Health, it is hoped this will be funded retrospectively.

CE agreed to review staff survey results.

Governors were delighted to hear they can now resume school visits.

Governors congratulated Carolynne Ballard on her 25 year, long service award and look forward to celebrating 20 years at Moss Lane next year.



Governors noted the recent change to the admissions policy to prioritise siblings at point of application has increased admissions numbers.

Governors were pleased to note the hall floor has been repaired and look forward to details of when the resources centre / library will begin.

Safeguarding Update

Governors were advised MM could not attend the meeting and signposted to the visitor report uploaded to gov files.

Governor Lead Updates

Governors were reminded to book training and schedule visits to be followed up with reports.

Policies

None to review

Minutes

Agreed

Confidential Items

None

Dates of Future Meetings

16 March 2022 – Resource Committee Meeting 25 May 2022 – FGB