

# FGB Meeting 9 December 2020 Minutes - PART ONE - Zoom

#### **Present:**

Elaine Joyce (EJ)
Adam Boshoff (ACB)
Nicola Riley (NR)
Carol Edmans (CE)
James Bingham (JB)
Aaron Twaits (AaT)

Victoria Abbott (VA) Laura Edmends (LE) Emma Taylor (ET) Lauren Alexiuk (LA)

### In attendance:

Pam Langridge (Clerk) Amy Betterton (SLT)

### **Welcome / Apologies / Declarations**

Governors welcomed newly appointed Governor LA. Apologies accepted from AJT. EJ declared related to staff member.

# **Chairs Update**

Chair asked if all governors happy with newly allocated strategic roles and clarified ET responsible for pupil wellbeing and LE for staff and stakeholder wellbeing, to include governors. LA will take over staff survey within communications. EYFS will be allocated to newly recruited governor in place of EJ.

### **Head Teacher Report & Covid Update**

Year R: governors were advised there may be a need to mix the classes as they transition into year one to improve balance. Governors were advised SLT were confident children will catch-up, but data may not reflect this until summer term. Governors were reminded that the school are only currently required to provide 80% of the curriculum.

Year 1: governors were advised all children were plotted on a 'windscreen' to provide SLT with a baseline and identify areas requiring support. Phonics is current focus with additional intensive phonics sessions scheduled for three afternoons each week carried out by the class teacher. It was recognised that all three teachers in this year group are new to the year and one is part way through NQT. SLT recognised this as an area to support. The majority of children are demonstrating rapid catch up which should be evident in pupil progress meeting.

Year 2: governors were advised the phonics screening test was carried out in the first part of autumn term with staggering results of 87%. Pupils are back on track having restored behaviours for learning and stamina.

Governors were advised the school has invested in ebooks reading scheme, power maths and will implement google classrooms once training secured. ET requested



training for the parents in the new learning platform. ACB suggested finding out which platforms other local schools were using.

Pupil Premium and Sports Premium reports are both on website for reference. Governors were advised it has been challenging using the sports funding when activities are limited.

NR asked if the woodland school would be reintroduced. Governors were advised there have been challenges securing premises with correct facilities. JB agreed to enquire about use of Charterhouse woods. Governors discussed allocating some funds to train Moss Lane staff members in woodland school.

Governors were advised year 2 SAT's will not go ahead; teacher assessments will be carried out instead. EJ suggested Year 2 and Year 3 teachers collaborate with assessments.

School thanked NR for her for her time preparing the Christmas Mini Market. Governors were advised that despite all the current restrictions and limitations, the school has a lovely festive atmosphere.

VA thanked governors for their support in keeping everyone safe.

Governors were advised attendance is above this time last year, with 100% attendance achieved on two days.

# **Staff Wellbeing**

Staff have worked hard as a team and are all looking forward to the holidays. School need to check communication lines up to Christmas eve for track and trace purposes.

### **GLP Update**

Governors unanimously agreed to support the program delivered by the SCCos if funding is withdrawn having considered the financial sustainability report.

#### **Admin Actions**

Governors were reminded to carry out actions from November meeting. Minutes approved.

# **Policies**

None

#### Admissions

Governors received proposal of admissions criteria

- 1. EHCP
- 2. Looked after / medical
- 3. Children of staff
- 4. Siblings on role at time of school application
- 5. Nearest school



After a robust discussion, governors agreed the criteria, ready for consultation with a deadline of 21 January for response.

Governors agreed to reschedule FGB on 20 January to 21 January to accommodate consultation period.

**Confidential Items**None

Dates of Future Meetings 21 January & 24 February