



FGB Meeting 21 June 2023 Part One - Minutes

Present:

Victoria Abbott (VA)	Adam Boshoff (ACB)
Amy Betterton (AB)	Aaron Twaits (AaT)
Tom Crees (TC)	Kyra Mumford (KM)
Nigel Freeman (NF)	Tim Hingston (TH)
Lucy Smith (LS)	

In attendance:

Pam Langridge (Clerk)
Carolynne Ballard (Bursar)
Matthew Eames (Observing)

Welcome / Apologies / Declarations

Apologies received and accepted for MM.

Welcome to guest Matthew Eames who is observing with an interest in parent governor role.

Standard declarations of business interest noted.

Constitution

1 x Foundation position to fill, on hold as this will move to an academy vacancy when we join MAT.

1 x Parent governor position to fill as MM has emailed to say she would like to step down from her post. Letters will be sent out from school office third week of term for nominations.

Minutes

Agreed.

Chairs Update

Governors are invited to join school staff BBQ 4.30pm 20 July. Governors were asked to bring donations of drinks / paper plates and cutlery. Governors will arrange clean of BBQ and provision and storage of gas.

Governors were advised the letter raising concerns about the number of children without EHCP's has been finalised and sent to a number of key people within SCC.

VA and ACB agreed to arrange safeguarding training and KCSIE update training for governors in September, either at the FGB or in a separate session.

ACB to undertake Safer recruitment training.

PTA letter shared, it is evident there is not a large surplus of funds. PTA to meet with VA to agree focus of spend.



After a robust discussion governors agreed it would be prudent to drop Y2 swimming sessions as these are not part of the curriculum, are costly and reduce the number of hours of learning.

Governors in favour of keeping swimming – 0
Governors in favour of withdrawing provision – 7
Governors abstaining - 2

AB to carry out parent survey.

Academy / Learning Partnership Update

Governors were reminded once we have joined MAT there will be a requirement for a governor presence as LPT meetings, and chairs meetings.

Governors were advised the LPT did a deep dive visit at the school resulting in a Grade 2 outcome. The visit was positive with comments around the school feeling family friendly and a positive environment.

Head Teacher Report – Children & Learning

Governors were advised the school is struggling to recruit key office and LSA staff members. Could impact budget if agency staff utilised for September.

Governors were reminded of imminent Ofsted visit and reminded to prepare.

Governors thanked HT for detailed children and learning data.

EYFS:

Governors noted pupil premium children didn't meet expected attainment, long term staff absence could be a factor.

Governors noted the year group has 35 boys and 19 girls.

Governors asked how can we demonstrate we are stretching the more able students? Advised target tracker data would support.

Governors were advised there is still an increase in need around toileting and language attainment which has an overall impact on classroom learning.

Year 1:

Governors note a good phonics screening result.

Focused interventions are making an impact.

Year 2:

Governors noted outcomes were slightly lower, and that this year group are still impacted by covid legacy.

Governors were advised that teacher strikes have yet to impact Moss Lane. HT believes staff are not striking due to cost of living crisis.

Governors were advised the school will need to provide additional hours to the SENCO due to the needs of the new YR cohort.



Governors recognised the challenges facing the EYFS team and were comforted by the whole school team effort and support demonstrated by all staff.

Governors recognised there may be an increase in bullying incidents reported due to the combination of vulnerable and boisterous children due to start in YR.

Governors identified the reputation of the school doing so well with SENCO pupils might be attracting a higher number of applications. Governors were advised that although the ethos of the school is inclusive, going forward there may need to be some exclusions based on safe and safe guarding concerns.

Governors congratulated school on gardening award.

Governors were pleased to hear Witley Woodland school is operational again.

Governors thanked the SENCO for detailed report.

Governors thanked all the school staff for their hard work and effort throughout the year.

Governor Lead Updates

Chair thanked governors for their visit reports, shared on the portal.

Governors asked what after school provision would be in place once SCL withdraw their clubs. Reassured to know Youth Sports will be taking on the provision.

Governors asked about term dates and INSET days for autumn term and understand they are to align with LPT and SCC.

Policies

Governors were advised due to office staff shortage some policies are overdue for renewal. HT to determine how the statutory policies can be updated for the website asap.

Confidential Items

None

Dates of Future Meetings

Meeting dates for 2023/24 were agreed:

13 September - Business meeting

15 November - Resources

6 December - C&L

17 January - Resources

21 February - C&L

13 March - Finance only

24 April - Resources

10 July - C&L



Blue = actions. Green = challenge.