

FGB Meeting 7 December 2022

Part One - Minutes

Present:

Victoria Abbott (VA)	Adam Boshoff (ACB)
Faye Messenger (FM)	Kyra Mumford (KM)
Amy Betterton (AB)	Tim Hingston (TH)
Tom Crees (TC)	Mary McAllen (MM)
Aaron Twaits (AaT)	

In attendance:

Pam Langridge (Clerk)
Carolynne Ballard (Bursar)
Jack Mayhew (Guest speaker)

Welcome / Apologies / Declarations

Apologies were received and accepted from Lucy Smith & Nigel Freeman.

There were no declarations of interest.

Constitution

No current vacancies.

Learning Partnership – Guest Speaker – Jack Mayhew

Governors welcomed Jack Mayhew from the Learning Partnership Trust

<https://www.learningpartners.org>

Key points

- Locality
- Mixed MAT
- School keeps own identity to serve community best
- Purposeful partnership
- Values led
- No re branding

Key focus areas

- School improvement through performance management, training and learning visits
- Operational support: estate / finance / HR
- Governance: training / policies / conference
- Services & Support

Fees 4%.

[Recommend Governors, teachers and Bursars talk to schools within the academy already eg Loseley Fields & Shalford Infant School to explore experience.](#)

Chairs Update

No items to report.

Budget

Key focus is admissions.

Budget based on 163 children, which is impacting finances. Combination of low birth rate and reduced number of first choice applications.

Governors asked if focus on becoming an Outstanding school may improve admission numbers and suggested improving wrap around care provision may also attract applications.

Suggested Governors join parent tours.

Governors noted the increase in utility costs. Governors asked what else could be done to save energy.

Governors noted that at the end of 3 year forecast there would be no remaining funds.

Head Teacher Update

Governors noted the ISDR results were excellent with the school results in the top 20% of county.

Governors thanks the staff for their hard work and dedication.

Governors were advised the school improvement partner visit was a very positive experience with suggestions of some areas being outstanding eg Early Years.

Governors were invited to join Christmas Festivities, lunch & performances.

Governors thanked HT for thorough and detailed report.

Cleaning

Governors were advised the standard of cleaning has dropped significantly.

Governors agreed it would be best to give current providers an opportunity to improve provision by February half term or receive notice. Bursar to collate 3 quotes in the interim.

GLP

Governors were encouraged to explore options ready for decision making next term.

SDP

SEF and SDP shared with Governors.

Governor Lead Updates

Governors were reminded to book in school visits in line with annual work planner and strategic lead responsibilities and complete report to evidence visit. Clerk to circulate template documents. ACB to circulate annual planner.

Policies

Governors ratified Capability of Staff; School Complaints; and School Complaints Guide Leaflet.

Minutes

Agreed.

Confidential Items

None.

Dates of Future Meetings

7 January 2022 & 22 February 2023

Governors wished all staff Merry Christmas.