



Full Governing Body Meeting

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Chaired by: Jill Skidmore

Clerked by: Laura McNulty

Present: Jill Skidmore (JS) Chair; Karen O'Connor (KO) Headteacher; Sharon Redfern (SR); Mary Teeboon (MT); Cat Labio (CL); Caroline Payne (CP); Helen Smith (HS); Sarah Bellicoso (SBe) and Laura McNulty (LM) Clerk;

**Action:**

053 17/18 **Introduction and Welcome**

JS welcomed Governors to the meeting at 7:30pm.

054 17/18 **What we are hoping to achieve this evening**

Following the recent Ofsted inspection, Governors hope the meeting will be informative and brief.

055 17/18 **Any other business**

Ofsted

056 17/18 **Apologies**

Andrea Kirkland (AK) and Caroline Boam (CB) sent apologies which were accepted.

**Agreed**

057 17/18 **Governing Body Membership**

The trustees continue to seek a Governor to fill the Foundation Trustee vacancy.

A vacancy also remains for an ex-officio Governor.

Updated committee membership was agreed.

**Agreed**

058 17/18 **Declaration of Business Interests**

There were no declarations of business interests in this meeting.

059 17/18 **Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> January had been previously distributed. The minutes were agreed as correct and signed by JS.

**Agreed**

060 17/18 **Confidentiality**

Governors agreed that minute number 029 17/18 was to be marked as confidential.

**Agreed**

061 17/18 **Matters arising and actions**

(113 14/15) Consider purchase re B Gregory – 'Bill's Bell'. Ongoing.

(023 17/18) Safeguarding action and E-Safety Audit questions – Ongoing.

062 17/18 **Committees:**

**Curriculum Committee – Chair HS**

KO and HS talked through the recent meeting (6/3/18). AW had attended as SENCO, to talk through school initiatives and progress, and the report to Governors.

**Finance Committee – Chair JS**

Budget setting meeting was cancelled due to the recent heavy snowfall. Approval of Annex 1 & 5 are deferred to the May meeting. JS confirmed that the budget is looking healthy.

## **Buildings and H&S Committee – Chair JS**

KO explained that DCC are still using legal processes in the hope of Midland Counties accepting liability for the hall floor insurance claim. Until this has been concluded, that majority of the cost has been met by the Diocese with little impact on the school budget.

## **Personnel Committee – Chair JS**

\*\*\* **CONFIDENTIAL ITEM REMOVED** \*\*\*

**Agreed**

### 063 17/18 **Headteacher's Report**

Due to the recent Ofsted inspection (8/3/18) KO gave a verbal report. NOR are 56. HS and KO talked through the Attainment and Progress meetings in February.

The NSPCC visited school (12/3/18) as part of the 'Speak up, Stay Safe' campaign, speaking in assembly.

The SCR had been checked and amended in line with most recent guidance.

### 064 17/18 **Sports Funding and Pupil Premium**

Plans and monitoring ongoing.

### 065 17/18 **Policies**

The following had been previously distributed and were accepted and adopted by Governors without amendments:

**Agreed**

- Collective Worship
- Dinner Money
- Freedom of Information
- Management of Stress
- Financial Regulations
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Geography
- Charging
- EYFS
- CCTV
- SEND
- SMSC
- Equality

Records Management was deferred to the May meeting

### 066 17/18 **School Improvement Plan**

Governors discussed ongoing attendance issues, also discussed with the inspector at the recent Ofsted inspection. Many absences are due to the extreme weather this winter.

### 067 17/18 **Chairs Report**

JS wishes to thank all Governors for their significant support during the recent Ofsted inspection, in the snow and without water. It is agreed that KO managed superbly.

### 068 17/18 **Extended Services / Explorers**

CP reported that Amber Slack has taken up the role of manager. The Explorers committee are to meet later in March – weather permitting.

### 069 17/18 **Parent View**

19 responses of which 18 are very positive.

### 070 17/18 **Budget**

Discussed previously

### 071 17/18 **Virements, Approvals, Disposals and Transfers**

No requests

- 072 17/18 **SEND**  
Previously covered
- 073 17/18 **Safeguarding**  
Previously covered
- 074 17/18 **Governor Visits**  
Many Governor visits, especially on the day of the Ofsted inspection.
- 075 17/18 **Correspondence and Information for Governors**  
LM attended Clerks Briefing.  
All Governors are invited to GDPR training in school on 9<sup>th</sup> April (Inset Day).
- 052 17/18 **AOB**  
Ofsted inspected school on 8<sup>th</sup> March. KO is awaiting formal notification of findings via the report, but felt that the outcome was positive. Governors discussed at length.
- What have we achieved that will make a difference to the children in our school?**  
A supportive and informative meeting.

The meeting ended at 9:40pm.

Date of next meetings: **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018**  
**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

All meetings start at 7:30pm and are held in Taddington School.