



Full Governing Body Meeting

Monday 16th July 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); Andrea Kirkland (AK); and Laura McNulty (LM) Clerk.

Action:

103 17/18 **Introduction and Welcome**

JS welcomed Governors to the meeting at 7:30pm at the end of this eventful academic year.

104 17/18 **What we are hoping to achieve this evening**

A successful conclusion to a productive year.

105 17/18 **Any other business**

None declared.

106 17/18 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Caroline Boam (CB).

Agreed

107 17/18 **Governing Body Membership**

Vacancies remain for a Foundation Trustee governor and an ex-officio church Governor.

The Single Central Record (SCR) had been viewed by CB. There are no Governor DBS checks due and record keeping meets the stringent requirements.

108 17/18 **Declaration of Business Interests**

There were no declarations of business interests in this meeting.

109 17/18 **Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on 21st May had been previously distributed. The minutes were agreed as correct and signed by JS.

Agreed

110 17/18 **Confidentiality**

Governors agreed that there were no items to be marked as confidential.

Agreed

111 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 – Completed.
- (081 17/18) Discuss ex-officio vacancy with D Channon – Completed.
- (081 17/18) Write to PCC re ex-officio vacancy – Completed.
- (087 17/18) Get costings for refurb – Completed.
- (095 17/18) Organise school email addresses – Completed.
- (101 17/18) Email Safeguarding info to Governors – Completed.

The dates were agreed for the Full Governing Body meetings in the academic year 2018/19 (see end of document)

Agreed

Committees:**Curriculum Committee – Chair HS**

CL,MT,CB and KO met (10/07/18) – minutes distributed. MT talked through the minutes and main areas discussed. SAT's results have been received, showing good attainment with all making good progress. KO felt that all staff deserved praise for their effort and overall excellence. Governors agreed. The difference between attainment and progress was discussed. SR mentioned the improvement in overall phonics. Pupils have greater expectations. JS asked if this will result in greater requirement for interventions to enable pupils to meet the higher targets. Governors discussed. KO explained that the curriculum is more challenging with continuous additional pressure on deliverance, increasing demands on TA support, especially in KS2.

Agreed

HS discussed attending the new starters taster sessions, with the new children feeling comfortable and happy. KO explained that all teachers but especially those in KS1, put in a lot of thought into making these sessions fun, friendly, informal and enchanting.

KO explained that there is a SIAMS inspection due in November 2019. Their framework is changing to emphasise a 'Christian Vision' in all that schools offer. Governors discussed.

Buildings and H&S Committee – Chair JS

KO and CP completed a visual inspection of the premises. It was noted that school bags in the corridor could be a trip hazard. School furniture and the upper junior classroom redecoration were also discussed.

Personnel Committee – Chair JS

This committee didn't meet. JS wished it to be minuted that Governors wished to thank Liz Rose for her hard work and diligence during her time at Taddington (leaving in August).

Finance Committee – Chair JS

Minutes from meeting (10/07/18) were previously distributed. The hall floor funding query is still ongoing.

Headteacher's Report

KO talked through her report. There is further improvement on attendance. Governors discussed. CP asked how timeliness was progressing. KO replied that she was pleased as children were generally arriving in time for the start of the school day. JS asked about the role of family resource workers. KO explained that they support families with many different causes for concern including finance, behaviour and potty training.

KO and SB explained how SB had sat with the moderator looking through the KS1 results, and how the moderator was pleased with both the cluster work and the correlated positive impacts on our children.

Staffing was discussed. A request for a reduction in hours from a member of staff was agreed on an initially temporary basis.

Agreed

HS left the meeting at 8:35pm

KO talked about the lego league at Buxton Community School, who would like to start an area tournament for primary schools. The cost would be £250 and include computer education and environmental impacts. Governors felt that this was an excellent opportunity, and look forward to analysing the outcomes.

- 114 17/18 **Sports Funding and Pupil Premium**
Further Pupil Premium information will be provided in September.
- Sports Funding is being used to participate in the Peak Forest, Great Hucklow and Earl Sterndale school cluster. 12 events have initially been planned. Peak Dale and Dove Holes are also interested in participating, initially just in events where numbers are low.
- Sainsburys 'Game Smart' may provide additional funding (application being completed).
- Chris Hill Sports breakfast club for one morning a week are proving popular. Attendance is continuously monitored.
- 115 17/18 **Policies**
The following had been previously distributed and were accepted and adopted by Governors without amendments:
- Behaviour
 - Accessibility Plan
 - School Brochure
 - Mental Health & Wellbeing
 - Records Management
 - Playtime
 - Anti-bullying
- 116 17/18 **School Improvement Plan**
KO distributed and discussed progress. Lots of green (achieved)! Despite the time taken planning for and during the Ofsted inspection, the majority of the SIP has been achieved. Targets have been agreed for September.
- 117 17/18 **Chairs Report**
JS thanked Governors for their time, commitment, support and enthusiasm over the academic year.
- 118 17/18 **Extended Services / Explorers**
CP reported that staffing was good and stable but the group are struggling financially. A grant has been applied for from the Bingham Trust. Other grants will be applied for once the result is known. Various fundraising events have been organised including a quiz in September. Governors discussed opportunities and possibilities.
- 119 17/18 **Parent View**
Nothing new to report.
- 120 17/18 **Budget**
KO explained that the budget is on track and it being monitored.
- 121 17/18 **Virements, Approvals, Disposals and Transfers**
A selection of old laptops are to be disposed of along, with 3 PC's (previously agreed). 4 laser printers are no longer required and are being offered to other schools.
- 122 17/18 **SEND**
Covered in Headteachers report. Governors discussed SENCO training.
- 123 17/18 **Safeguarding**
A draft copy of the audit was previously distributed. KO discussed strengths and areas for improvement.

Agreed

124 17/18 **Governor Visits**
HS has visited on numerous occasions. CB has viewed the SCR.

125 17/18 **Correspondence and Information for Governors**
Nothing to report.

126 17/18 **AOB**
School Improvement Visit report – previously distributed and discussed by Governors. Very positive.

What have we achieved that will make a difference to the children in our school?

Governors have asked challenging questions in a probing, constructive and supportive way. A positive end to a positive year.

The meeting ended at 9:45pm.

Date of next meetings: **Monday 1st October 2018**
Monday 26th November 2018
Monday 4th February 2019
Monday 1st April 2019
Monday 20th May 2019
Monday 15th July 2019

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