



Minutes of:

Full Governing Body Meeting held in school on 25 January 2023 at 6.00pm

Present:

Simon Smith	Headteacher	SS
Allison White	Staff Governor	AW
Richard Dodson (Vice Chair)	Foundation Governor	RD
Emma House	Foundation Governor	EH
Lisa Raison	Parent Governor	LR
Nick Harris	Co-opted Staff Governor	NH
Ben Bailey	Parent Governor	BB
Jenny Fry	Foundation Governor	JF

	Opening Prayer AW said the opening prayer.	
24/001	Apologies & Welcome RD welcomed all present. Apologies were received and accepted from Rev. David Baldwin DB and Rev. Fiona Beale FB.	
24/002	Register of Business Interests No new business interests were declared.	
24/003	Minutes of meeting held on 12 October 2022 The minutes were reviewed. <i>LR asked that they be amended as they wrongly showed her to have volunteered to become Vice Chair and this was not the case.</i> Otherwise, the minutes were agreed as an accurate record. Will advertise for LA governors, EH: maybe village Facebook and PTFA?	SS
24/004	Matters arising from minutes of meeting held on 12 October 2022: SS reported that we have now employed a finance officer, Sophie Powell. SS explained that the Safer recruiting course is fully booked, will try and book next one. FFT will be discussed in headteachers report. Committee reports: the minutes have not yet been typed up.	
24/005	Committee Reports Resources: Corfe toilets have now been sorted.	

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	<p>SS reported that Sophie Powell may be able to increase her hours sooner than we thought.</p> <p>SS reported that a contract has been signed by parents for the flexi schooling pupil and that this will be reviewed every half term but so far it is going well.</p> <p>SS reported that we have received a quote for the front gates which was £8500. EH asked if we could get a cheaper quote from someone else SS explained that we have to go through approved vendors from Dorset Council.</p>	
24/006	<p>Headteacher Report</p> <p>The written report was included in the pack on the Governors’ area of the school website, and SS focused on the following:</p> <p><i>Numbers on roll:</i> SS reported that the school has less pupils than last year at 132 which means we are around £40,000 down. SS is hopeful that the numbers will be back up again by the next Autumn Census.</p> <p><i>Pupil attendance:</i> This was currently at 93% which is above the Dorset average. SS concluded that there are more coughs and colds about due to the cost of living crisis. The SENCO is going to talk to SEN parents about the importance of good attendance.</p> <p><i>Pupil Premium:</i> There were now 33 pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium and a number of forces children.</p> <p><i>Training:</i> Everyone has now completed the Little Wandle training. All lunchtime staff have completed their food hygiene course. Stuart Copping has completed his SENCO course. NH and SS have completed their manual handling course. SS also attended a designated teaching training. All prevent training has been completed.</p> <p><i>Sports:</i> The school is doing very well and only narrowly missed out on the final for futsal by one goal.</p> <p><i>School development priorities:</i> These were agreed at last meeting.</p> <p><i>Additional focus area:</i> Remain the same</p> <p><i>Staffing:</i> The school now has 3 new members of staff, a finance officer and two lunchtime supervisors. JF asked if these are local people SS confirmed that they are local and that they are parents and a grandparent of pupils at the school.</p> <p>1 looked after child on roll but his placement has broken down and he will be leaving.</p> <p><i>Statutory reports:</i> There had been no racist abuse, no Fixed Term Exclusions and no drug related incidents. There have been accusations of bullying in Year 6 that we believe is not bullying but more of a case the child has been unkind. The parent had written on their Facebook page about the incident and then a comment was made by a relative saying the school now accepts bullying. The post has now been taken down after SS spoke with the parent.</p> <p><i>Health and safety:</i> toilets paving and school gates. A new grit bin sponsored by online tank store has been kindly donated to us.</p> <p><i>Preschool:</i> Mosterton Preschool have made a complaint about the oak tree on the school’s land as they believe it is dangerous. They have complained directly to the diocese. SS contacted Property helpdesk at Dorset Council who have explained that it is not their responsibility and have provided us with an email address of the Arboriculture team at</p>	

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	Dorset Council who have been contacted. <i>EH has asked if an insurance claim can be made on the tree if it deemed dangerous</i> SS explains this will be looked into.	
24/007	<p>Assessment Update</p> <p>Sheila O'Donnell report received and the diocese advisor who came in.</p> <p>FFT aspire: positive</p> <p>SATS scores: Consistently above national average.</p> <p>Need to look at history geography and the arts.</p> <p>ECL visit: Acknowledges Ofsted report. 85% in phonics. It is a Covid cohort this year so we believe our phonics score will go down. We have moved up to FFT5 top 5% and will be focusing more on humanities.</p> <p>Diocese visit: very positive. They loved our values. We have a new School song: 'when I need a neighbour'. They are happy with our sports platinum award and are very happy with growing staff development. They have suggested a Questions and Answers for pupils to take part in after assemblies.</p> <p>Collaboration update: It has been the Diocese intention that every school should be an academy. Government have now back tracked on this and said they cannot enforce that so this is off the agenda for now. They have apologised if this has caused headteachers to get the wrong idea.</p> <p>Admissions policy needs ratification</p> <p>Staff wellbeing: Good, like a well-oiled machine and things are much better. We are fully staffed. There have been a few personality clashes but this is inevitable.</p>	
24/008	<p>Safeguarding and KCSiE</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
24/009	<p>Governor Training, Visits and Recruitment</p> <p>JF attended podcast training on report 29th November 2022 in Salisbury SDBE Dan Roberts. Aim to join a MAT by 2030 not going through house of lords. LEA may establish MATS. Funding may be available. Minimum academy size in the white paper.</p> <p>LR came in and sat with staff and pupils writing.</p> <p>JF would like to come in to visit at some point. Needs training but the clerk did not respond.</p> <p>Governors need recruiting. Need to advertise externally not just internally. Send advert to Emma House. Need to get new Governors this year.</p> <p>Succession planning: need to get new governors</p> <p>Also need a SEN governor</p>	
24/010	<p>Correspondence</p> <p><i>Teachers Strike</i>: Everyone confirmed that they had received the email regarding strikes. Wednesday 1st Feb. Conflicting advice has been given. We are allowed to ask if they intend to strike but teachers do not have to confirm if they are or not. Our teachers have let SS know. NH would like to confirm that SS did not ask teachers to tell him about their decision</p>	

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	to strike the information was given voluntarily. 1 member of staff has decided to strike. 2 teachers have decided not to strike, remaining teachers are members of different unions. Corfe Class will be shut down for half a day (PM) on Wednesday 1 st Feb 2023. SS feels uncomfortable to get cover for someone who is striking. Vulnerable children and critical workers children will be able to remain at school although the curriculum will not be followed by TA's. Try to minimise disruption as much as possible.	
24/011	Dates of Future Meetings Resources: Monday 20 February 2023 at 6:00pm in school Curriculum: Tuesday 4 July 2023 at 4:15pm in school FGB: Wednesday 19 April 2023 at 6:00pm in school	

The meeting closed at 7:20pm

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