

Meeting of Full Governing Body

held in school on Wednesday 26th March 25 at 3.30pm



AGENDA

Present: Angela Wrighton (Chair), Marie Greer, Eva Stone, Jane Bourne, Duncan Mackenzie, Harvey Barrington, Clare Edgington, Jen Lawrence-Purlant, Peter Godfrey, Shelley Taylor (Headteacher).
Also in attendance: Alex Cooper [Associate Governor], Gill Leah [minute taker]

1. Welcome to all

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Consideration of apologies for absence

Received and accepted from John Bull.

3. Declaration of Conflict / Business Interests

None.

4. Vacancies/ Terms of Office

Dawn Mountain had resigned so an additional Parent Governor was needed. It was noted that she would be willing to sign on again if personal circumstances change and there is still a vacancy.

Marie Greer's term of office will finished soon. She has yet to confirm whether to sign on for an additional period.

5. Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of 11th Dec 24

These had been on Governor Hub and signed by 9 Governors. They were duly accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

6. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 11th Dec 24

All actions had been done. There were no further matters arising.

7. Headteacher's Report

This was on Governor Hub. The only additional point was regarding a Parents' Evening on 13 May when 15 minute face to face appointments would be offered, in response to comments in a recent parents' survey. There would be refreshments and stands in the dining room, e.g. internet safety, mental health, options.

Will Governors be invited to attend? How could we advertise ourselves? Governors would be very welcome to help on various stands; lanyards would be worn.

Re vacancies – The EHCP appointment had been made and there were now no teaching or TA staff vacancies.

Residential Visit – This had been done. A draft report was on Governor Hub, and final one to be added soon once the Residential managers had added response.

Re safeguarding Incidents – Are they all the same type of issues? Yes. The aim is to build a bigger picture about students' behaviour. **Do you have to refer incidents to the Local Authority?** No. The thresholds for Social Worker involvement are so high that input is rare. Currently there are no children on Protection Plans – an unusual occurrence. Instead, children are managed within school by EHATs.

Clare is booked in to see Di In April and will follow this up with her. **It was noted that there are no trends in absences.**

8. HTPM update

The Headteacher's performance management was held in October. A review meeting had been held and Governors were happy that everything was on track to be achieved. They were aiming for the end of the Summer term or early September for the next cycle of performance targets to begin.

9. New build update

The Headteacher reported that she had not heard officially that the plans had been accepted. However, they were in the final design phase with DFE. As there was no definite news or timeline yet, she had not told parents or children.

It is still very worrying that there is constant erosion including a recent landslip. Have contracts been agreed? No.

10. Update re SEN TRUST

Documents on Governor Hub show why the Trust was set up in the first place. Following work by solicitors, there would be another meeting on April 28th – hopefully about practical details of moving forward, and actions needed by each school to close the Trust. ***A Governor requested to see a draft plan.***

Would the cost be shared or allocated according to the amount of work incurred by each school?

They were waiting for more progress by the lawyers. Likely to be shared costs.

11. Safeguarding update

Marie Greer had looked at the record keeping re Senior DSLs, and how CPOMS works, in her half termly meeting with Mick Kelly. ***Her report was on Governor Hub [Safeguarding folder]***

12. Website compliance

Jen Lawrence-Purlant had been checking the website. She had sent info to ICTC manager to update the Governors' page, and policies were up to date. ***Governors thanked her.***

13. Policies

All Policies which had been agreed at Committees [see Committee folders /Agendas] or delegated to the Headteacher for approval were ratified. They are as follows:

FPP – Finance Policy with Charging and Remissions, Absence Management Policy / Procedures

PDBW – Attendance Policy: Discrimination, Bullying and Harassment Policy

SIS – Data Protection Policy and Retention, Alternative Provision Policy, ECT Induction Policy, Accreditation Policy, Access to Fair Assessment Policy, Emergency Evacuation of Exam Room Procedure, Internal Assessments/ Controlled Assessments Appeals Policy, Malpractice and Maladministration Policy

14. Committees

The minutes of all the meetings were on Governor Hub.

Re Finance, Personnel and Premises Committee : The RAG rating is Amber since the school had not been audited for some time. This would be done next year. Finance training needs to be done.

There would be a Budget meeting in April. ***All Governors were invited to attend if they wished. If there were any questions about it, please direct them to the Business Manager. Agreement to the Budget would be assumed unless there were any questions or comments.***

Re Personal Development, Behaviour & Welfare Committee : Paul Nerney gave an interesting presentation about mental health.

Re School Improvement & Standards Committee : There was a very good maths presentation.

14. Feedback from any additional Governor Training

Governors were reminded to enter their training on the Governor Hub record section.

ACTION: All Governors

15. Monitoring

The following had been done:

Safeguarding - Marie Greer.

HTPM – Duncan Mackenzie and Angie Wrighton

Residential Visit – Angie Wrighton and Jane Bourne

Literacy – Jane Bourne

School Council – Duncan Mackenzie. He noticed that many students were keen to contribute.

The following would be done:

RS with Sarah Smith in Summer term late – Jane Bourne

16. Any other business

Jen Lawrence-Purlant said that the school had applied for and received the Rainbow Award. She invited Governors to look at the website. She is the Governor link for it and the LGBTQ+ Ambassador. A presentation would be made at next SIS Committee

The meeting closed at 4.20pm.