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## **GOVERNING BODY MEETING – TERM 5**

Held in Bishop Road Primary School on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 6.15pm

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

Name	Position	Initials	Present	Apologies	Absent
Thomas Barr	Staff Governor	TB			
Alex Edwards	Co-opted Governor	AE			
Joe Emissah	Associate Member (Deputy Head Teacher)	JE			
Matt Gitsham	Co-opted Governor	MG			
Simon Jones	Co-opted Governor	SJ			
Gillian Powe	Head Teacher	GP			
Cedric Sanguignol	Co-opted Governor	CS			
Justin Vafadari	Co-opted Governor & Vice Chair	JV			
Rachel Whitfield	Parent Governor	RW			
Liang Fong Wong	Co-opted Governor	LFW			
Lorraine Woodward	Co-opted Governor & Chair	LW			
In attendance					
Janet Bremner	Clerk	JB			

Question from the committee

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Decision

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
1.	Welcome & Apologies for Absence	
	The meeting began at 6.30pm. Apologies were received and accepted from RW. The meeting was noted to be quorate. Those present confirmed there were no changes to their business and pecuniary interest declarations.	
2.	Budget	
2.1	Approve Year End Outturn 22/23 CS reported that the year-end outturn had been reviewed by the T5 FBH&S Committee. The carry forward is higher than expected as it has not been possible to recruit to some vacant posts for which budget provision has been made, and because energy costs were not as high as had been feared. It had been anticipated that as the carry forward would be over 8% an authorisation would be needed, and this form had been completed. However, after the meeting a late payment for cleaning altered the bottom line so that the authorisation for a carry forward over 8% was no longer required.	
	Year End Outturn approved. LW to return to LA Finance via e mail.	LW















2.2	<ul> <li>23/24 Draft budget (including 23/24 3 Year Summary)</li> <li>CS reported that the 23/24 budget had been reviewed by the T5 FBH&amp;S Committee. funding position overall is positive, although there are challenges. It was noted that t teaching staff complement at 31.6 FTE (full time equivalent) is the same as 22/23. This an increase in caretaking costs as the school now has the 2 caretakers in post that needs. There was a discussion of the challenges for recruiting to posts, even though budget is in place</li> <li>Does the budget include all the necessary assumptions for increases in pay for teachers and support staff and for potential further increases in heating costs?</li> </ul>		
	Yes, these have all been factored in.         Budget for 23/24 Approved:         Year End Statement B/Fwd       -422,030         Total revenue income       -4,281,881         Total revenue expenditure       4,376,623         In-year balance       94,742         Balance c/f       -327,289         LW to return to LA Finance via e mail.	LW	
3.	Headteacher's Update		
	GP reported that coronation celebrations went well across the school and that performances have started. These are very well attended by parents and other relatives. Recruitment for teaching staff is underway. The number of candidates is down on previous years, something which all schools are experiencing. Nevertheless, some very good appointments have been made. The school is also responding to several issues which are time consuming, particularly for senior leaders. Unfunded SEND need is also a challenge. Again, this is a national issue.		
	The school's new Bristol Education Partner visited recently. Report to be shared with governors once it is received. Action JE. The school also had a LA monitoring visits for the administration of SATs.		
	When does this year's cycle of performance management finish? By the end of July. Targets for teachers have been front loaded to make the workload more manageable. The targets are linked to the areas where teachers are progressing. It is a very open process with shared accountability. It is very supportive.		
4.	Feedback from subcommittees		
	<ul> <li>Finance, Building, Health, and Safety Committee.</li> <li>CS reported the following discussions from the T5 meeting.</li> <li>The procurement process for replacing the two combi ovens, which produce 620 meals per day. It was noted that 3 quotes would be needed and that if that was challenging advice would be sought from the LA's procurement team.</li> <li>LW is working with TP to resolve issues over the new cleaning contract.</li> <li>Feedback from parents evening that was relevant for the committee was reviewed.</li> </ul>		
	How will the review of the feedback be communicated back to parents? Governors will attend again in Term 1 and as part of that process can provide the 'you said, we did' feedback, including explanations where action has ot been possible.		
5.	Safeguarding - Report from named governor.		
	LFW reported that the school has a good structure for safeguarding in place. The DSL (Designate Safeguarding Lead) (JE) has a team of 4 Deputy DSLs to support him. This ensures that nothing falls between the cracks. The team is up to date with their training and the single central record is also up to date. Governor training on safeguarding is up		

	to date, with two or 3 governors needing to do or renew Prevent training. <b>JB to follow</b> <b>up.</b>	JB
	<b>Do the DDSLs have a schedule for reviewing cases?</b> Yes, they meet as a group every term to do this. CPOMs is used for record keeping. Often the reviews result in additional pastoral support being offered and the team learn from all the different cases they review. They know the children well. There are good mechanisms for escalation when needed. Vigilance is built in to the system.	
	How is information on the number and nature of safeguarding incidents shared with governors? Via the Headteacher's report 3 times a year. There is no sign of the number of incidents increasing now.	
	There have been three safeguarding complaints that have gone to Ofsted. In each case the school's response to the complaint has been reviewed by the LA and has been found to be very good. <b>JE to share letters from LA with governors.</b> There was a discussion about the impact of these complaints on the workload of senior leaders and the challenges that resulted from them. It was noted that the LA reviews indicated very clearly that the school responds swiftly and effectively to safeguarding complaints.	JE
6.	Policies	
	<ol> <li>Relationships and Sex Education Policy. Has there been a consultation with parents on the policy? There was a full consultation when the policy was introduced in 2022. This year parents were invited to look at the materials being used, especially for Y5 and Y6</li> <li>Why specifically for these year groups? It is because of the nature of the curriculum in Y5 and Y6 which has specific content relation to relationship and sex education.</li> <li>Is there a particular way that these curriculum areas are taught? No, it is about setting the right environment. Sometimes it is appropriate to split boys and girls into separate groups and there are opportunities for children to ask questions anonymously. This is also links to the safeguarding policy. Policy approved.</li> <li>Health &amp; Safety Policy (Approved by FBH&amp;S Cttee). Approved</li> <li>Managing Allegations of Abuse against Teachers. Delegated to the Leadership Team. JE to provide policy to share with governors.</li> <li>ECT (Early Careers Teacher) Policy. To be shared with Teaching and Learning Committee in T6. Action JE</li> <li>Minute approval of policies previously approved via GovernorHub.</li> <li>SEND Policy &amp; Information Report. Approved</li> <li>Minute policies previously shared for information via GovernorHub.</li> <li>Uniform policy</li> <li>Attendance Policy</li> <li>Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Sharing of policies with governors noted.</li> </ol>	JE

7.	Governance				
	<ol> <li>LA governor vacancy. With the resignation in April of JSL this seat is now vacant. Agreed to nominate JV. Action JB</li> <li>Appointment of named governor H&amp;S. MG appointed.</li> <li>Update on Parent Governor Election. This is being conducted electronically for the first time. 5 candidates for 2 seats. Results on 18<sup>th</sup> May at which point RW will resign.</li> </ol>			JB	
8.	Appro	val of Minutes			
8.1	FGB 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2023 Approved				
8.2	Item	Actions agreed T4 FGB	Who by	Deadline	
	5.1 5.2	Share Uniform and Attendance policies via GH	JB	Completed	
	5.3	Share SEND Policy and Information Report via GH for approval	JB & ALL	Completed	
	5.8	Amend Virtual Meeting Protocol as per discussion	JB	Completed	
	7.2	Review feedback from parents evening ahead of T6 sub committee meetings. JB to add to agendas.	JV, CS, JB	In progress	
	7.2	Audit governors prevent training and chase as needed	JB	Completed	
9.	Additi	onal Matters			
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	None r	aised			
10.	Date & Time of Next FGB Meeting				
	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 18.15 – 20.15. In person meeting (apologies JB). JV volunteered to take meeting notes.			VL	

The Meeting ended at 8.10pm

Minutes agreed to be a true and accurate record of Full Governing Body Meeting, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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Date 6.7.23

Item	Actions agreed T5 FGB	Who by	Deadline
2.0	Send Year-end Outturn 22/23 and Approved budget 23/24 to LA Finance	LW	31.5.23
3.0	Share BEP Visit note with governors.	JE	When received
5.0	Follow up Prevent training with governors as needed	JB	End T5
5.0	Share LA letters resulting from Ofsted safeguarding complaints	JE	Not set
6.0	Share Managing Allegations of Abuse against Teachers policy with governors	JE	Completed
6.0	ECT policy to go to T&L Committee	JE	T6 T&L
7.1	Request appointment of JV as LA Governors	JB	End T5

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	Decisions taken	Action taken
2.1	22/23 Outturn approved	Sent to LA
2.2	Budget for 23/24 Approved:	Sent to LA
	Year End Statement B/Fwd -422,030	
	Total revenue income-4,281,881	
	Total revenue expenditure4,376,623	
	In-year balance 94,742	
	Balance c/f-327,289	
6.0	Policies approved:	GH & Website updated,
	Relationships and Sex Education Policy. Health & Safety	as appropriate
	Health & Safety Policy	
	• SEND	
6.0	Managing Allegations of Abuse against Teachers. Delegated to	GH & Website updated,
	the Leadership Team.	as appropriate
6.0	Policies shared with governors.	GH & Website updated,
	Uniform policy	as appropriate
	Attendance Policy	
	Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions	
7.2	MG appointed H&S named governor	GH updated
8.1	Minutes of T4 FGB 16.3.23 Approved	GH and website
		updated.