

**Minutes of the Governing Body meeting held virtually via Microsoft Teams 21st
March 2022**

Present

Ms S. Lewis, Ms E. Scourfield, Mrs A. James, Miss B. Hurlstone, Mrs C. Porter, Mrs C. Pearman, Mrs E. Brown, Mr M. Chorley, Ms M. Kendall, Mrs L. Duffy

Apologies for absence

Mr N. Beighton

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

A current record.

Matters Arising

Nothing to report.

Correspondence

Nothing to report.

Leadership Committee Report

Ms S. Lewis advised that the Leadership Committee met just before the full Governing body meeting and gave Governors a brief summary of what was discussed.

Governors were informed that monitoring has not been able to take place in school as planned, due to the improvement partner currently being off sick, but monitoring will continue within school.

There has been a lot of focus on the new curriculum and on the new areas of learning to make sure that coverage and progression steps are being made around the school. There has also been joint cluster meetings with the St Cyres cluster. Focusing more on St Cyres as most of the children are going there again this year. Difficult to do work on the new curriculum with Stanwell but Ms S. Lewis still attends meetings when it is not focusing on the new curriculum.

Governors advised that grants were awarded to the school in January which will mean that the school will not end the financial year in a deficit. Although this is very positive it has been fed back to the Budget Forum that it is difficult for schools to project and plan for the year as they have no indication on what grants/funds they will be getting.

Other Committee Reports

Other committees have not met this half term. Ms S. Lewis advised that it has been quite difficult to meet under the current situation but Standards will need to meet next term.

Headteacher's Report

Ms S. Lewis apologised to Governors that the meeting scheduled for last term couldn't take place. A Headteacher's report was sent to all Governors for an update instead. It was tricky last term as there was a big surge in Covid cases amongst staff. Ms S. Lewis extended her thanks to all staff for working together and covering absences during this time.

Numbers on roll are slowly increasing and we have had a few new children join us recently from Scotland, Hong Kong and South Africa.

Appendix A: Confidential item.

Appendix B: Confidential item.

There has been planning for the implantation of free school meals for all primary aged children. This will be rolled out to Foundation Phase in 2022 and Key Stage 2 in 2023. Need to manage space and planning for funding for additional staffing.

Student voice groups are slowly starting to meet again. The Eco-Committee have been awarded their fourth Platinum flag and there is lots of work taking place with growing spaces. We also received items today that were purchased with vouchers through the Morrisons -It's Good to Grow Scheme. Sgwad Cymraeg are meeting weekly again for the phrase of the week. Although slowly getting back to normal assemblies are still virtual as numbers are starting to increase again and we do not want to rush back to everything.

Staff who have been helping with Accelerated Learning have had to cover staff absences as it has been very difficult to book supply. This will be input again as soon as there is more staff. There seems to be a lot more children with additional learning needs. When they first came back after the pandemic the children generally seemed ok but we are beginning to notice that the children are not used to the structure and routine as they were out of school for so long.

Some are finding it difficult to sit for long periods of time or keep to a structure.

The PTA are meeting regularly now and there is great support with new members. There are lots of fund raising ideas for Easter.

Mrs E. Scourfield queried how many children are currently in the nursery. Clerk advised numbers are still small at 24 and only 1 new child in the Easter intake. Discussion regarding how to promote the nursery took place. The local paper has been emailed requesting an article to promote the nursery. Hopefully this will be printed soon. Ms S. Lewis will try to contact mother and toddler groups to see if they would like to use the nursery space in the afternoons and hopefully this will encourage future nursery applications.

• **Safeguarding**

Mrs C. Porter has attended and completed the Safeguarding training.

Ms S. Lewis and the two Assistant Headteachers have attended further training on My Concern and they meet every week to go through any concerns that have been logged. However, if anything is logged urgently then this is acted on urgently.

• **Governor Training**

Mrs E. Warren has Data training outstanding. Clerk has emailed Dr E. Warren with information and instructions on how to book the training.

• **Teacher's Representative Report**

Mrs A. James expressed how great it is to see student voice groups starting to meet again and that it has been very positive in school.

Mrs A. James explained how trauma informed strategies are being implemented in school. All teachers are encouraged to meet and greet every child each morning and the children are encouraged to complete an emotional check in. This is being done differently in each class for example each child has a lollipop stick with their name on which they place in a tub with an emotion that they are feeling that morning. This is giving the teachers an overview on who is sad, angry etc. The School Council feedback is that the children really value this. However currently they are struggling with Year 5 & 6 as they feel embarrassed or do not want others to know how they are feeling. Trying to break down the barriers and come up with different ideas on how this can be done anonymously.

The school has been awarded free ELSA training and an LSA is booked on to the course.

• **Non-Teaching Staff Representative's Report**

Nothing to report.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health and Safety
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New quotes have been received for repairs to the outdoor equipment. This amounts roughly to £5000 in total and hopefully this will be completed in the school holidays.
There has been some general repairs around the school.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GDPR, Data Breach and Cyber Security

Appendix C: Confidential item.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any other Business

Year 6 will be attending a residential trip at Stackpole in May. Stackpole did close during the pandemic but has now reopened. The accommodation remains the same but the activities are now provided by an outside agency.

Mrs E. Scourfield requested Clerk to email Governors that have not attended regular meetings.

Mr J. Wilcock will be stepping down as Governor in the summer. Mrs E. Scourfield questioned if his position needs to be advertised. Clerk advised that Mr J. Wilcock is a LEA Governor so the Vale will advertise this position and a new Governor will be allocated in the Autumn term.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Matters deemed to be confidential for the publication of the minutes

Appendix A & B ó Headteacher's Report

Appendix C ó GDPR, Data Breach and Cyber Security

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Date of next meeting

Mrs E. Scourfield queried if there has been any guidance from the Vale as to whether meetings can now be face to face or continue virtually. Ms S. Lewis advised that the school is following the National Framework and as Covid cases are increasing again to continue virtual meetings for the moment.

Date of next meeting scheduled Monday 16th May 2022. The Leadership Committee to meet before the full meeting.

Signed _____ Chair of Governors

Date:

Minutes unable to be signed due to virtual meeting. All Governors agreed a current record
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