

Minutes of the Governors' Meeting held via Zoom Thursday 19th May 2022 at 5.30 p.m.

Present: Mrs J Cook (Chair), Mrs R Burt, Mr J Ring, Cllr E Nockolds, Mr M Birks, Mrs E Cooper, Mr J Arrowsmith

In attendance: Miss J Davenport (Headteacher), Mrs R Curtis (Clerk)

No	Agenda item	By date	By whom
1	Apologies Mr B Legrove		
2	Notification of Any Other Urgent Business New Governor Appointment		
3	Declarations of Interest for the Meeting None		
4	Approval of the Minutes of the meetings held on 31st March 2022 Mrs Cook proposed acceptance of the above minutes; this was seconded by Cllr Nockolds, and carried unanimously by those present at the meeting.		
5	Matters Arising From Previous Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Clerk has put the governor monitoring documents and training record onto Governor Hub. - ACTION: Governors to electronically sign on Governor Hub to say they have read the Keeping Children Safe in Education document. - ACTION: H/T to keep up to date with any information regarding the Circle of Governors model. 	ASAP Ongoing	All H/T
6	Headteacher's Report The following items from the report were discussed; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There will be 54 children starting in Reception, Sept 22. This is a low number compared to previous years. Cllr Nockolds asked if there had been a large intake at Greenpark Academy to affect the numbers applying for SWIS. The Headteacher said that the birth rate for this school year was low. There was some discussion as to how the School could promote itself of social media to attract more children, with Instagram posts etc suggested. - There will be some pupil movements in classes for next school year. - In terms of staffing there may be some movement in Yr2. Many children moving into Yr2 in September would benefit from repeating some of Yr1 curriculum to fill gaps in knowledge and understanding, therefore an additional teacher would be employed for 4 mornings to take small groups. - Attendance is of concern and much lower than pre-pandemic levels, with less absence due to illness but a high number of holidays being taken. This needs to be looked at carefully and is something that the DfE is focussing 		

	<p>on. Target for attendance for next school year is 97%.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pupil premium was discussed and Mr Arrowsmith asked if parents have to re-apply for this each year? It is every 4 years. - Speech and Language work has been divided between staff since the member of staff who did this work left the school. A speech therapist has attended school and re-assessed some of the children on the register for speech. - There are 2 children coming into Reception in Sept who will need additional support. The Virtual School have committed funding for one to one support for 1 child. The Headteacher said that thought needs to be given to staffing so that these children can be given the support they need and also an area of the school set up for a quiet space. - There is a Government White Paper published detailing the 4 pillars of delivery for schools and a plan to deliver these ambitions, including – An excellent teacher for every child, High standards of curriculum, behaviour and attendance, Targeted support for every child who needs it and a stronger and fairer school system. - The agenda for all schools to become academies appears to be back with a date of 2030 set. This needs to be closely monitored and the Headteacher has begun discussions with other maintained schools in the County and LA leaders. More updates and discussion on this in future meetings. - Cllr Nockolds asked if reading/maths cafes would start again, the Headteacher said yes in the next school year. - Student Council will adopt a different approach from September where suggestions made within class are then taken to the meetings by their representatives. - After school clubs are running again with the creative club being very popular, producing some excellent art work. 		
7	<p>Governor Monitoring, Development and Training Cllr Nockolds and Mr Birks attended the Monitoring and Curriculum course, slides from this have been circulated to Governors.</p>		
8	<p>Future Meeting Dates Resources – 8th June – 4.30pm Teaching and Learning – 24th June – 8.00am Full Governors – 14th July – 5.30pm</p>		
9	<p>Any Other Urgent Business A new Governor has stepped forward, with experience in EYFS teaching, who's children have previously attended the school. Clerk to send paperwork to her and invite her to the July meeting to be co-opted onto the governing board.</p>		

The meeting closed at 7.05pm