Grow, Learn, Believe, Achieve

Church Road, Milford Godalming GU8 5JA



Full Governing Body Meeting

Part 1 MINUTES

16 March 2016, 6.30pm

Please note that advice given by governors at this school is incidental to their professional expertise and is not being given in their professional capacity.

Present: Jackie Morris (Chairman), Jimmy Heslop, Kay Leggett (Headteacher) Nick Riley, Jess Wilson, Dawn Hook, Luke Bozeat, Abi Morgan (Deputy Headteacher), Paula Bradley, Maureen Holland, Melissa Wells (new staff governor)

In attendance: Rachel Dunnage (Clerk), Kirsty Morris (School Business Manager)

Meeting is quorate

	ITEM	DATE	ACTION
1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE		
	Apologies were received and accepted from Fiona Campbell.		
	JM welcomed Melissa Wells, our new staff governor.		
2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST		
	Governors to declare any interest in specific agenda items at this meeting.		
3	CONSTITUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY		
	a. There is no category of Governors whose term of office is due to expire		
	before the end of term or the end of the year.		
	b. Governors welcomed Melissa Wells, newly elected staff governor.		
	c . Category of any vacancies to be filled:		
	I. 1 x Parent		
	d. Re-constitution to reduce size of GB		
	JM introduced a proposal to reduce the overall size of the governing body		
	now that the system of holding just FGB meetings is working successfully.		
	Some governors expressed concern that if there are fewer governors on		
	the GB there may be difficulty finding enough capacity to complete all the		
	governor work that is required. Governors agreed that they would	Summer	AU C
	consider this idea again, alongside a review of exactly what is to be	Julilliei	All Govs
	expected of the governor role at Milford. KL was keen to ensure that the		
	governor presence with parents in school is maintained.		
	e. Succession planning		
	No governors put their names forward to take on the vice chair role with a view to taking on the chairmanship in 6 to 12 months.		
	f. Governor DBS check		
	RD will follow up the progress of her DBS with KM after the meeting.	End Mar	R Dunnage
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4	HEADTEACHER REPORT		
	a. Yr2 progress		
	Reading		
	75% have made at least expected progress in Reading		
	73% are on track to reach expected attainment by the end of the year		
	Of the 27% not expected to reach expected attainment 4 children (8%) are		
	high level SEND and are currently awaiting an EHCP		
	41% of pupil premium children are on track to achieve expected level of		
	attainment		
	27% of SEND children are on track to achieve expected level of attainment		

Writing

SLT confirmed that reading attainment is often at a higher level than writing. They recognised that the lack of literacy subject lead may have had an impact, as well as the high turnover of teaching staff in Yr2. 68% have made at least expected progress in writing

64% are on track to reach expected attainment in writing by the end of the year

Of the 36% not expected to reach expected attainment 4 children (8%) are high level SEND and are currently awaiting an EHCP

31% of pupil premium children are on track to achieve expected level of attainment

18% of SEND children are on track to achieve expected level of attainment

Maths

Attainment in maths is on track.

87% have made at least expected progress in Maths

87% are on track to reach expected attainment by the end of the year Of the 13% not expected to reach expected attainment 4 children (8%) are high level SEND and are currently awaiting an EHCP

77% of pupil premium children are on track to achieve expected level of attainment

54% of SEND children are on track to achieve expected level of attainment

SLT confirmed that they are continuing to employ a variety of techniques and interventions to drive progress and improve attainment in this cohort; many children are receiving 3 or 4 interventions in one afternoon. The SENDCo has also led two parent workshops to help drive progress at home and these have been well supported and appreciated. Governors asked if parents could be told specifically how they can help their children at home. MW has found that conducting a reading audit and bringing to parents' attention the lack of reading they have done with their children at home has helped to improve parents' involvement with reading. JW informed governors that Wood Street Infants (an outstanding school) is piloting improving attainment by sending study packs home with a variety of fun activities for children to do with their parents over the week. Initial results are looking positive.

MH, JM and DH both expressed a strong desire to bring governor focus on the attainment of the higher achievers.

KL confirmed that 29% of the Yr2 cohort is SEND or Pupil Premium.

b. Safeguarding

KL has led two safeguarding update meetings for parent helpers in January 2016. These included updates on FGM, Prevent duty and Whistle blowing. PB also attended and said that it was well received.

We now have a looked after child in school who has a comprehensive Personal Education Plan in place.

c. Staffing

A new mid-day supervisor is covering additional hours in Yr2 on top of the increased 10 hours already put in place. The teaching staff job share in Yr2 was changed in February so that it could work more effectively and their PPA time re-modelled so that all 3 teachers have their planning time together. Mrs Hearsum has been appointed as KS1 teacher from September. She will be an NQT.

Changes to assessment are continuing to cause confusion and additional workload

The next T&L agenda will include a Yr2 assessment presentation and issues caused by the government's raised expectations.

d. Recruitment

KL advised governors that they must think strategically about how to successfully retain staff, particularly with the increased teacher workload. Governors agreed that they must look at this in some detail, possibly using exit interviews and looking at the budget to see if additional funding needs to be allocated.

Milford is fully staffed for September.

e. Confederation

Governors agreed that they will sign up to the Confederation Partnership Agreement which commits schools to working together with peer to peer review of performance.

f. Appraisals

KL reported that appraisals with clear evidence of targets that contribute towards pupil progress and reflect SDP priorities have been reviewed, along with evidence to support teacher standards at the teacher and support staff mid-term reviews this week. The impact of current CPD and any future training needs have also been identified.

g. Attendance and Numbers on roll

Attendance (last term figures in brackets)

Current attendance whole school 96.2% (97%)

EYFS= 96.7 (98 %); Y1= 96.7% (98%); Y2 = 96.6% (96%)

Numbers on roll

Whole school NOR= 160 (160)

EYFS=49 (46); Y1= 58 (60); Y2= 53 (54)

NR asked if the changes in numbers on roll were due to any dissatisfaction with the school and requiring of further investigation. KL confirmed that they were not, although one parent was moving her child to ensure she can get them to the Junior school of her choice (rather than The Chandler).

5 FINANCE

a. FMR (P11 2016)

Current projections are for £107k carry forward, reflecting a £24k in-year surplus. This is due to premises costs coming in £21k below budget as a number of planned one-off projects have not been undertaken (Doors £10k, Blinds £5k. The SLT decided to implement the new carpets and blinds for the EYFS and Yr1 and to leave the remaining funds for the new Headteacher to use on projects that they identify as most important. NR reminded governors that at the last finance meeting they had agreed to spend the entire planned budget because the surpluses have always been greater than expected. He expressed his frustration that this has left the school with a higher level of carry forward than before. He re-stated that he did not wish the school to be focussing on the long-term to such an extent that we would lose sight of the short-term need. KM reported that the Surrey financial consultant, Stephen Penny, was in agreement with the SLT decision about the doors because he recognised that it is very easy to use 100k over the next few years if pupil numbers drop.

Staffing costs are largely in line with budget but supply costs are slightly higher due to long-term absence of Yr2 teacher.

KL reassured governors that the school has put in place all that governors asked for last time. She would like to ensure that the new Headteacher will have money available for any projects they decide they would like to introduce.

b. Budget Plan 2016 - 2017

Our funding has been confirmed as £3k lower than expected due to a funding error in SCC's model. Stephen Penny has advised the school that we will not receive any monies back because the difference is so small.

KM highlighted that the in-year deficit has reduced to c£28k which can be easily covered by our healthy carry forward. Governors discussed the plan in some detail and agreed the SLT approach, which has also been endorsed by Surrey financial consultant, Stephen Penny.

KM will modify the figures as required up to the April meeting for final approval.

c. Feedback from Babcock 4S Finance Visit

The minutes from Stephen Penny's visit are on Dropbox.

d. Schools Financial Value Standard (SFVS)

FC and K M have been through the SFVS items and completed the review, updating as required. JM signed the final document so that it could be submitted by the deadline. The SFVS is on Dropbox and governors formally recorded their approval of its submission.

e. Babcock SLAs

The buybacks for the coming year have been confirmed, largely on the same basis as last year. Exceptions are:

- no longer taking the caretaking support as it was not used at all last year
- increasing finance support to include free Academisation training and support for the new Headteacher
- reduced governance support from level 2 to level 1.

f. Update on Capital expenditure & Projects

All the work planned has been completed (although the staff pointed out there is still a broken window in the staff room), except the boiler.

KL has succeeded in accessing another £1k from the Hall Hunter Charitable fund for pond refurbishment. MW asked that she and Helen Szczepanski be included in the refurbishment plans as they already have many ideas.

g. School Fund Audited Account for governor approval

KM reported that the fund has been audited and JM has seen the final accounts. There were no issues raised for governors to consider.

KM has shown in the new school fund policy that a surplus in the school fund may be used to write off deficits in other areas, e.g. swimming funding.

h. SCL & holiday lettings

Governors are in agreement that the SLT can go ahead with this project. KM will liaise with NR and SCL. The school may gain up to £1k from these clubs or lettings.

6 POLICIES

- **a.** Remaining Governors to sign Code of Conduct Keep on agenda.
- **b.** Outstanding policies
 - i. Teacher Pay
 - ii. Teacher Appraisal & Capability

These two policies have been more closely linked and were ratified without further amendment.

- c. Additional policies according to review timetable
 - i. Finance
 - ii. Design & Technology (in dropbox)

		iii.	Religious Education			
		iv.	Charging (in dropbox)			
		٧.	Computing & Internet Safety (in dropbox)			
			Credit Control (in dropbox)			
			Social Networking (in dropbox)			
	viii. School Banking Card (in dropbox)					
	ix. School Fund					
	All policies were ratified without amendment.					
9	TRAINING UPDATE					
		Annua				
	Governors will need to update their survey next term.				All govs	
	b.	Annua	School Governance Impact Evaluation		_	
	Governors agreed to put together a brief annual report for parents which		July	J Morris		
	can also be used on the governance page of the school website.				L Bozeat	
	c. Safeguarding – all governors to confirm if they have attended					
		_	arding training (must be completed by end 2016)			
			passed the online safer recruitment training. LB has completed			
		_	arding his safeguarding training. Governors are to email LB to	On-	All govs	
	confirm when they are booked onto training. A check will be made at each		going			
	FGB meeting to ensure we remain on track to have all safeguarding					
	training completed by end 2016. d. Mentor Governors					
	a.					
			nors agreed that it might prove helpful for new governors to have a limentor to speed up their understanding of the role and take some			
	of the pressure off the chairman.					
	Paula Bradley offered to mentor Maureen Holland		•			
			a Wells has recently been a governor and so does not feel she needs			
	a mentor.					
	e.	Record	d daytime availability			
		Govern	nors to send RD their availability to come into school during its			
	working hours so that a more complete picture can be built up of		End Mar	All govs		
		govern	ing body capacity to cover all the monitoring requirements of their			
		role.				
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Governors agreed the Part 1 and Part 2 minutes of the January meeting.

Actions table:

	When	Meeting Actions	Whom	Ву	Status
	raised	meeting retions		-,	Status
1.	10/06/15	Template for Governor Synopsis	LB	9/9/15	10/06/15 - LB to update/Office to give Luke dates
		for Web Page	Office		when Newsletter is going out
			Govs		Completed
2.	10/06/15	Work with local agents to make	KL &	Ongoing	DH has begun this process.
		Milford the school of choice	DH		Governors agreed no further action was required.
3.	10/06/15	Make work done with high	KL		To remain on actions. AM questioned whether this
		achievers more transparent to			conflicts with the ethos of Growth Mindset.
		parents/community			
4.	10/06/15	"Grow Your Own" recruitment	KL	9/9/15	Completed. We have recruited former student, Lisa
		drive			Hearsum as NQT from Sept 2016.
5.	10/06/15	EYFS To produce information on	KL	9/9/15	Completed.
		when the impact would be seen			
		for the 10 pupils in writing			
6.	09/09/15	Publish parent questionnaire	PB		Completed.
7.	19/01/16	Governors decided that they	SLT	16 Mar	Completed.
		would like the LT to consider			
		additional people resource to			
		support these children as soon			

			as possible.						
	8.	Nov 15	Remaining governors to send in	Govs	16 Mar	Staff govs still to complete.			
			Governor profile as soon as						
			possible						
	9.	Nov 15	NR to progress Uniform colour	NR		KM has looked at other co	ner colour options from current		
			change project with KM.	KM		provider and is not happy	by with the selection. She is		
						now investigating other ur	niform supplie	rs.	
11	CONF	IRM PART	II BUSINESS						
	Governors confirmed items to be considered as Part 2 Business.								
12	DATES OF NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS								
	a. Dates of next meetings								
	Wednesdays, at 6.30pm:								
	Summer Term 2016								
	FGB Teaching and Learning 27 April								
	FGB Finance and Resources 15 June								
	b. Future Agenda items								
		Academie	25						
13	AOB								
	RD to include documents as email attachments as well as storing on						April	R Dunnage	
	Dropbox.								
	 JM and RD will ensure Melissa Wells has access to Dropbox. 						End Mar	J Morris	

Meeting ended 8.30pm

Chairman's signature: Jackie Morris Date: 27.04.16