

Minutes of the governors meeting held on Monday 19th July 2021 at 6.30pm

Reference	Agenda Item	Action
1.19.17.21	<p>Attendance: Sarah, Siobhan, Kathryn, Elizabeth, Ewan Matt, Di, Sue K Apologies Emma (hopes to join later) Absence Ben Trevor Welcome New Parent Governors Sarah welcomed new governors and asked them to introduce themselves. Sarah told new governors a bit about the role of a governor.</p>	
2.19.7.21	<p>Declarations of interest None</p>	
3.19.7.21	<p>Minutes of 22nd June 2021 Minutes were approved, no matters arising. Sarah will come into school to sign the minutes this week. Joint working committee with Flying Start Management partnership starts in September. Siobhan has had feedback from parent at one of the other schools, and it was positive feedback. Sarah had feedback and this turned into an informative discussion. Lizzie asked whether more information was going out as may not entirely understand what it is. Matt said he hopes that parents are trusting us to make appropriate decisions. Kathryn said she was surprised that we hadn't had more parental feedback. Joint Committee: Lizzie (T&L), Sarah Broom (Chair) Ewan (finance) this will be in place for September.</p>	
4.19.7.21	<p>Budget Monitors G120 School Budget Share Sue explained pay increases have been put in at 2.75%, and all cost centres have been shown as fully spent which is not always the case. Kathryn asked how projected numbers are looking for September - We are projecting 131 We are moving to a Cloud based phone system, with phone numbers as they are and which will be much more robust than what we have at present, as if one person is on the phone already, the second line is so crackly that conversation is difficult.</p> <p>G122 Preschool Preschool numbers projected 13 in September.</p>	

	<p>DFC: £4700 in credit</p> <p>G126 ACCT school collaboration</p>	
5.19.7.21	<p>Policies for approval</p> <p>Finance: Sarah came in and spent a lot of time with Sue & Matt so that it reflected school finances.</p> <p>PHSE: Cathy downloaded the model policy from Scarf, and then she very much personalised it to Woolsery School.</p> <p>Sarah proposed acceptance of these policies</p> <p>Siobhan 2nd</p> <p>All in favour</p>	
6.19.7.21	<p>Subject Leader Reports</p> <p>Di said that she would like to pass on congratulations to what the team have done over what has been a really difficult year.</p> <p>Sue Kersey will pass on thanks to the staff.</p> <p>Maths: Jurassic Hub maths has been a difficult process. Despite the difficulties we have completed the programme, and White Rose Maths has come into its own.</p> <p>Emma joined the meeting at 7.00pm</p> <p>Going to carry on using this and Sue K is working on mastery of maths since she has been in Ashmansworthy Class.</p> <p>Sue explained how White Maths is used for all the differentiation with the whole class.</p> <p>Children able to tell her what they do and don't understand and also how the purple pen is used.</p> <p>On a Friday, they have introduced "problem solving" Friday, which is another way of using White Rose Maths.</p> <p>We've signed up to do Jurassic Hub Maths again next academic year.</p> <p>Oracy is also coming into use a lot.</p> <p>Matt has introduced Maths Snack courses to extend teachers knowledge. They are being provided by Babcock free of charge, and are targeted to the teachers.</p> <p>Lizzie: White Rose, has it been positively accepted by all staff.</p> <p>It is a really good "go to place" and will give teachers somewhere obtain information.</p> <p>If you take the learning objectives and follow them week by week, but don't necessarily use the worksheets it will ensure full coverage of what children need to learn. It has given teachers confidence to move forward.</p>	

English:

Writing progress document that Sue has insisted teachers follow. It has made it easier for Sue to monitor English throughout the school.

Whole class texts have been identified for the whole school. We follow Somerset Literacy Network and Babcock.

Does donated £1500 towards books and £700 from English Hub. From this we managed to buy some e-books which were really useful during the last lock-down.

We trialed fiction express for KS2. Cathy Farmer and Carl Davies have been using this and found it very useful. Ashmansworthy and Alminstone will be using this next year.

We've accessed free courses from the Ilsham Hub. Sue has still managed to network with other English leads from ACCT.

Vocab is vital - Sue K has just completed this with Somerset Literacy Network.

Normally have monthly library van, but due to covid this hasn't happened.

Haven't been able to complete classroom monitoring but this hasn't been completed due to covid restrictions, however, books have been monitored. We were due to undertake book monitoring with ACCT schools but this got cancelled at last minute due to covid.

Di: Having a big push on vocabulary will benefit the children. Re-arranging library to genre will have a big impact.

PE: Carl has given governors a really detailed PE report. Despite the restrictions of covid Carl has really ensured delivery of PE across the school. Create (Real PE) have asked if they can come in and film our children doing Real PE for their instruction videos. Matt is aware that over the last year, the school have bought in a lot more online support, but this is in response to the new Ofsted framework.

Sarah: Do you still think Real PE is worth it, it was great as a resource during lock-down?

Matr: It is a lot of money, however, it has increased staff confidence in teaching PE, and has proved value for money.

Sarah:Swimming, did we have any luck with other venues. We are going to start in the Spring Term at Northam Pool. Carl and Matt really concerned at the cost but we still don't know whether Bridge Trust are contributing.

Sarah: Internet connections

Matt: contacted by DfE some time ago. The Dept of Media, Culture and Sport are funding Fibre connection

	<p>direct into the school. They are also funding RM to come in and change all our WiFi to super coverage.</p> <p>All reports following new pattern of monitoring that Matt put together earlier in the year. From Sept Governors need to be linked to each area of each subject.</p>	
7.19.7.21	<p>Headteachers Report on Summer Term Verbal report, Matt still doesn't have all end of term data. DfE said that all statutory tests will be introduced again for 21-22 academic year. There will not be any league tables. Progress towards school recovery plan This has been difficult due to closures, however It also relied a lot on Dartmoor Teaching School Alliance. DTSA have subsequently decided close and revert back to DMAT. SWIFT - Matt has had several meetings with them. Martin Smith has moved from DTSA to SWIFT. Membership that we paid was a part membership up to August 21. We will then be invoiced by SWIFT for support to March 22. Progress with Management Partnership and Federation Training day with Flying Start Federation on the 6th September. Matt is having weekly meetings with Gina, and he has booked out Thursdays next term for these. I don't know how it will affect other things in the school as we slowly return to "normal" Matt would like governor feedback on naming it "Village Schools Partnership". Less corporate. Emma: Matt, have you spoken to the children? Matt will talk to the children in September. Update on Covid Aware that Ashmansworthy Class Bubble has been shut. We had to go with old rules as test came back on Sunday evening. It has been quite traumatic for the Class as the Yr 6 children won't be coming back. Matt attended the google meet this morning with Sue Kersey and was astounded by the resilience of the children. Planning to get the children together on the field for a sausage sizzle during the holidays so that they can say goodbye to their friends.</p>	
8.19.7.21	<p>Governor Training Kathryn, Emma, Lizzie and Ewan to undertake new governor training. Siobhan and Sarah need to do Chair training and</p> <p>Heads Performance Management (Matt said Neil Swait very happy to talk governors through this process).</p>	<p>All governors to book training on the Babcock website</p>

9.19.7.21	Safeguarding We continue to be extremely busy with early help. This is the local authorities strategy for managing vulnerable groups. We are trying to get support for the families to be there for them during the summer holidays. The support that the school has given to the CiC has been recognised by professionals involved.	
10.19.7.21	Agree dates for next term Tuesday 21st September 6.30pm Tuesday 16th November 6.30pm Meeting closed 20.11pm	

Signed: _____

Date: _____