



FULL GOVERNORS' MEETING: THURSDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2021 7pm

Held using Zoom

Attendees: Mrs S Briggs, Mrs N Read, Mr J Comasky, Mrs H Hogg, Mr B Ward, Miss G Roberts, Mrs D Holt, Mr L Bottrill, Mrs N Webster.

Apologies: Mr J Comasky, Mr R Grover

Clerk: Mrs R Brooks

1.	<u>Apologies & Declarations of Pecuniary Interest</u>	
1.1	Apologies were accepted from R Grover. There were no pecuniary interests to declare.	
2.	<u>Minutes of Meeting held on 4th November 2021 and Matters Arising</u>	
2.1	It was not possible to share the minutes, to be approved at a later date.	
3.	<u>Correspondence</u>	
	There was no correspondence.	
4.	<u>School Improvement Plan - Key Priorities 2021/22</u>	
4.1	SB explained the School Improvement plan to our new governors and explained the reviews made. The Areas for Improvement related to the deep dive by DDAT. The full report will be shared when staff have had the opportunity to review and after developments over the previous four weeks.	SB
4.2	A report on the recent Parent Survey was shared. SB explained there were some discrepancies in the results after she had made contact with parents who had appeared to have negative experiences which were reflected in the data. After consulting these parents it was decided that a different Parent Questionnaire would be sent out to parents of pupils with SEN IEP's and that the SEN question would be removed from the general questionnaire to avoid future disparities. It was clear that parents would like a wider range of after school clubs to be available. SB was planning to offer a range of clubs with school staff as providers to be paid from club income. This would mean we could offer after school opportunities avoiding extra visitors to school, thus reducing potential spread of Covid between other schools. SB was still to make contact with parents who had responded to Item 10 on the survey. SB was aware that there had been less communication with parents during Covid as noted from the responses in Item 5. SB proposed that termly class newsletters would commence again in time for the Spring Term.	SB
4.3	J Comasky presented his History curriculum report. The latest round of monitoring and progression grids had been reviewed. Planning had been scrutinised to see if objectives from progression grids are being taught. The strengths are block teaching of Geography and History, providing 5 lessons of each per half term. Grids were used for subjects to assess prior knowledge, what pupils wanted to learn and what had been learned. Timelines were used across the school to assist with sequencing and providing a framework for the rest of the national curriculum. BW asked what kind of feedback was received from EYFS on what they wanted to learn? JC explained that pupils often had ideas but they would be filtered and directed by the teacher towards learning goals. Year ½ had taught Victorians including an 'immersion day'. Trent have focused on Romans and Griffon on Anglo Saxons. GR enquired if that changed due to mixed year classes. JC explained that we ran on a two year cycle. JC to meet with GR as History Governor.	JC/GR
5.	<u>Chair of Governors Communication</u>	
5.1	NR informed governors of communication regarding proposed changes to the catchment area of Spencer Academy at Chellaston Fields which potentially would encroach on our usual catchment. SB had been in contact with the Headteacher as there had been no statutory	



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11.	<u>Finance</u> Governors approved expenditure on 5 staff laptops at a cost of £489.00 provided that price for like for like could not be improved upon from a Curry's bundle deal or Novatec. SB and RB to investigate prior to order.	RB/SB
12.	<u>Policies and Statutory documents</u> 12.1 Confidential Reporting (revised since last approval) 12.2 Equality 12.3 Emergency School Lockdown 12.4. Relationship & Sex Education 12.5 Freedom of Information The policies above were approved, it was noted that 12.5 had already been approved in October. Governors asked when the Critical Incident Plan was last reviewed. RB confirmed it was reviewed in April 2021.	
13.	<u>Academy Report</u> SB reported that the date for joining DDAT had been pushed back to 1 st March due to ongoing legal work regarding land. SB to inform Ged Philbin about the Spencer Fields catchment correspondence.	SB
14.	<u>Any Other Business</u> LB mentioned Safer Internet Day which is scheduled for early February. He would be available to come in. HH - asked about plans for Anti Bullying Week. SB said the focus would be on different types of bullying including cyber bullying with delivery through collective worships. GR - apologised for not attending the open day.	

Interrogation/critical evaluation by Governors is highlighted in red

Date and Time of Next Meeting: - 3rd February 2022, 7 pm.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS			
ACTION	MINUTE NUMBER	WHEN BY/STATUS	BY WHOM
Share Deep Dive report with governors	4.1	After staff review	SB
Recommence termly class newsletters	4.2	Start of spring term	SB
History monitoring visit	4.3		JC/GR
Catchment area letter scrutiny and response	5.1	asap	NW/HH
Governor newsletter	5.2		NR
Schedule SEN meeting	7	As appropriate	SB/HH
Price check staff laptops	11	Investigated before order placed. Lead IT competitively priced.	RB/SB
Inform Ged Philbin about catchment area issue.	13.	asap	SB