



STICKLAND'S C.E. V.A.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

FGB Minutes

Date and Time: 24th May 2022, at 4.15pm, at Stickland's School

Governors	Position	Initials	Present
Ruth Adler	Staff	RA	P
Nicky Bower	Parent Governor	NB	P
Richard Campbell	Foundation Governor	RC	P
Jax Comyn	Foundation Governor	JC	P
Emma Garner-Jones	Clerk	EJGJ	P
Daniel Ingles	Foundation Governor	DI	P
Gay Lewis	Foundation Governor (Vice-Chair)	GL	P
Kathy McCann	Head Governor	KM	P
Andy McAney	Local Authority Governor	AM	P
Suzie Mutch	Foundation Governor (Chair)	SM	P
Louisa Spearing	Parent Governor	LS	AA
*Sadie Watson		SW	P

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22/102	Opening Prayer	
22/103	Present See register above.	
22/104	Apologies Louis Spearing, childcare commitments	
22/105	Pecuniary Interests None.	
22/106	Minutes of the meeting of 5 th April for approval Approved.	
22/107	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bakery is happy to make dough with the children. Date to be organised. 	NB

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22/108	<p data-bbox="326 226 613 258">Headteacher's Report</p> <ul data-bbox="375 268 1276 741" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="375 268 1276 405">● Pupil Numbers - Stickland's school received 16 pupil applications for September. Some of the applicants are outside of the catchment area. It is estimated there will be 77 pupils attending the school next year. <li data-bbox="375 464 1276 741">● Attendance - The school would normally send a termly letter to parents when attendance is below 95%. This would then be reviewed half termly or termly depending on the attendance level and any concerns. The headteacher is due to send out a letter to all parents at the end of this term for those children whose overall attendance this year has been below 95%. The letter will have a 'softer' approach towards attendance because of the impact of Covid, but will set expectations for the next academic year. <p data-bbox="418 800 1182 863">A letter will be sent to all parents, in line with the new DFE document effective from September 22.</p> <p data-bbox="418 877 1268 940">The governors are to review the attendance letter for September, next meeting.</p> <ul data-bbox="375 999 1276 1917" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="375 999 1276 1062">● Staffing - The Financial officer's position is to be part-time, permanently. <li data-bbox="375 1121 849 1152">● Training - Remains mostly online. <li data-bbox="375 1211 1276 1390">● A school member received a telephone call claiming they were from County, this turned out to be untrue. The headteacher informed the governors and staff governors as a precautionary measure. The school's passwords have now been changed. <li data-bbox="375 1449 1276 1917">● Collaboration meeting- held on the 24th of May, the issue of Multi-Academy Trusts was discussed. The key areas of concern are: <ul data-bbox="467 1564 1276 1917" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="467 1564 1276 1766">- The Secretary of State for Education 'White Paper', produced on the 12th of May. The aim of the 'White Paper' sets out the government's vision for the future of schooling and it focuses on ensuring that all schools will be part of a multi-academy trust (MAT) or in the process of joining by 2030. <li data-bbox="467 1780 1276 1917">- The tipping point: -According to the suggested data, when 70% of schools have joined a MAT, the remaining 30% may have to join a MAT earlier than 2030, as the local authorities will no longer be available to function due to 	Board

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	<p>funding cuts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Less than good Ofsted results could result in a school being forced to join a MAT. <p>The collaboration has asked for a meeting next half term with Joy Tubbs, Headteachers and Chairs to discuss boundaries.</p> <p>The headteacher asked the board to compose 5 'non negotiables' for any MAT that we would potentially join. These are things that we feel are most important and would not want changed at Stickland's The board agreed.</p> <p>The board discussed the implications of Stickland's joining a MAT at length. The Regional school commissioner had a conversation with one of the Collaboration heads and provided them with a list of recommended MATs. As a church school, Stickland's can only join a MAT that meets the Diocese criteria i.e., has a 50% Foundation bias.</p> <p>The headteacher and chair are to review and summarise the diocese approved MATs, with a view to potentially joining a MAT as a collaboration hub and to find the right fit for Stickland's.</p> <p>The headteacher is to meet with the education lead in June and will also discuss MAT's.</p>	<p>KM</p> <p>Board asap</p> <p>KM/SM</p> <p>KM</p>
22/109	<p>Chair's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staffing - The Clerk is to resign at the end of the school year. The resignation was accepted by the board and thanks were given for her work during a difficult past year. Interviews begin after half term. ● Safeguarding Report - A governor has written a Safeguarding report. Input is required from the financial officer regarding record-keeping. The document will then be reviewed by the headteacher and chair, prior to sharing it with the board. ● Safeguarding Course - A governor asked how often each board member needs to attend. The chair and Safeguarding governor must attend each year. The chair is to find out the frequency for the other governors. 	<p>KM/SM/ LC</p> <p>GL</p> <p>SM</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● County Documents Complaint - The chair has complained to Vik Verma about 'The Dorset Scheme for Financing Schools,' and 'Value for Money Review' documents as the board felt they were an unreasonable length for Governors read and digest. Waiting for feedback from Rick Perry. ● Planning - for the solar panels was partially approved. However, there is a condition imposed on the approval which the Chair is following up. ● Fundraising - The chair asked the governors for fundraising ideas and suggested governors visit companies for donations. The board to review for the next meeting. ● The swimming pool - is due to open on the 6th of June pending technical issues. ● Thank you, event - A governor has invited staff and governors to have the thank-you event in his garden at home on the 18th of July. ● Bee Project - Every Monday, the chair has been teaching small groups of children about bees. The children have been very positive, and attentive. The chair praised the school for putting the groups together in a sensitive manner and was impressed with how the children worked well with each other. ● School Activities - The chair shared with the board about lots of different projects and activities going on in the school, such as 'The Bank of dreams and nightmares.' The chair felt these activities were fabulous and very lucky to be involved with the school. 	<p>Board</p> <p>Board</p> <p>RC</p>
22/110	<p>Pupil voice interviews - Governors to agree on questions proposed and set a date</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Questions for Pupils - The governors discussed the document 'Questions for Pupils at Stickland's' in depth. The outcome: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Delete question 3- Wellbeing will be addressed via the school's qualified mental health lead. -Delete question 2. Reword question 4. -Reword question 16. 	AM

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	<p>-Delete question 17. -Subject to these changes the board is the board happy with questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Interview/chats with pupils - The board decided to interview the children once a term about the school, as it felt it would improve the children's confidence. The teachers will carefully select a small group of random children, including SEND children. The interviews/chats will start on the 16th of June, at 1-3pm. 	Board
22/111	<p>SFVS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Financial Staff Skills Audit - Approved by the board. ● Financial Risk and Control - Approved by the board. ● Dorset Scheme for Financing Schools - Approved by the board. ● Value for Money Review - Approved by the board. 	
22/112	<p>Policies and documents for approval from committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None for review. 	
22/113	<p>SAT's Papers</p> <p>The headteacher reviewed sample SAT's papers with the governors.</p>	
22/114	<p>Closing Prayer</p>	