

STICKLAND'S C.E. V.A.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

FGB Minutes

## Date and Time: 8th February 2022, at 4.15 pm, via Google Meet.

Governors			08.02.22
Ruth Adler	Staff	RA	AA
Nicky Bower	Parent Governor	NB	Р
Richard Campbell	Foundation Governor	RC	AA
Jax Comyn	Foundation Governor	JC	AA
Emma Garner-Jones	Clerk	EJGJ	Р
Daniel Ingles	Foundation Governor	DI	Р
Gay Lewis	Foundation Governor	GL	Р
Kathy McCann	Head Governor	KM	Р
Andy McAney	Potential Authority Governor	АМ	Р
Suzie Mutch	Chair - Foundation Governor	SM	Р
*Sadie Watson		SW	AA

No	ltem	Action
22/072	Opening Prayer	
22/073	Present As per the attendance chart above.	
22/074	Apologies Ruth Adler, Richard Campbell, Jax Comyn	
22/075	Pecuniary Interests None.	
22/076	Minutes of the meeting of 7 <sup>th</sup> December 21 for approval Minutes approved.	

No	Item	Action
22/077	<ul> <li>Matters arising</li> <li>Andy McAney has been nominated to serve as LA governor at Stickland's CE Primary School by County. The board is required to ratify the appointment. The board voted in favour of Andy McAney joining the board.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Point 21/067 Accessibility audit. – To be presented at the next resources meeting and re-raised at the next FGB.</li> </ul>	КМ
	<ul> <li>Follow up on how the school was meeting their challenging targets – This is still to be actioned.</li> </ul>	
	• Governor development program to be actioned Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February.	КМ
	<ul> <li>Follow up on the questionnaires with the Children. This is to be done as soon as Governors can go into school.</li> </ul>	SM GL
22/078	Headteacher's Report, including covid matters	
	<ul> <li>Headteacher advised 4 new pupils have joined since the last FGB.</li> <li>There are 12 pupils due to join in September. No staffing changes.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Headteacher advised on Covid matters – The school had a Covid outbreak last week. The majority affected were from key stage 2. The school managed to contain the outbreak. The children have not been too poorly with this variant of Covid. One member of staff is now back at work after Covid but has advised that she is constantly overtired. The headteacher is monitoring her return to work and ensuring that she is not doing too much. Children returning post Covid infection will be monitored for excess fatigue.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>The headteacher advised the following measures are in place:</li> <li>staff and children are working in bubbles.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>split playtimes.</li> <li>split lunches.</li> </ul>	

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	• A governor asked how many children will the school have attending in September and whether the overall numbers will be lower? The headteacher advised the school will lose 18 pupils and gain 12.	
	<ul> <li>A governor asked if the new children will impact exam results?</li> <li>The headteacher advised yes, it will impact. Progress should be expected, but overall attainment for the year group is likely to be lower.</li> </ul>	
	• A governor asked what percentage of the children have had Covid to date. The headteacher advised the actual figures are unknown. However, there had been 32 out of 85 last Friday and reiterated that all Staff had been vaccinated.	
	<ul> <li>A governor asked how staff morale is. The headteacher advised all the staff have stepped up and morale is fairly upbeat. The headteacher advised it's the least stressful covid outbreak to date.</li> </ul>	
	On behalf of the board, the Chair thanked and praised the staff for all their hard work during this particularly difficult time.	
22/079	Chair's Report	
	• The Chair advised that she has weekly updates with Kathy. The next Dorset Chair's Briefing will be on the 9 <sup>th</sup> of March. There were no updates to report from County.	
	• The Chair advised committee changes. Nicky Bower will be on the P&S and Andy McAney will be on the Resources committee.	
	<ul> <li>Pupil voice interviews are due next term. This will be picked up once people are allowed back into school.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Maths review – The data looks positive, and a date is required to be booked in the diary.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul> <li>School Activities</li> <li>Katherine Singleton Smith Memorial Planting Ceremony – The headteacher advised a date was in the diary for 28<sup>th</sup> March. The ceremony is in the process of being organised. The Chair encouraged the board to attend the ceremony. Daniel Singleton-Smith is to be invited. DI also offered to attend.</li> </ul>	NB/RC
	• Beekeeping at Summer Lodge- The school and a governor are starting a Bee Club for pupils. The Bees are to be kept at Summer Lodge, across from the school. A governor asked about risk and insurance. The school will carry out a full risk assessment and the Chair is to confirm the insurance with the BBKA (British Bee Keepers Association). The chair requested £50.00 of the Katherine Singleton-Smith fund to be allocated to purchase safety gloves for the children. The board agreed.	KM/JC
	• A governor suggested a gardening club for the pupils, perhaps utilising the space at Summer Lodge. Both the school and Summer Lodge potentially share the upkeep of the plants, this is to be investigated. The headteacher talked about the benefits of bees, learning, and the calmness associated with garden/bees. The project is in its infancy and funding is available. The project needs further work and volunteers to pull the project together and bring the elements into the classroom. The chair volunteered to do a talk about bees. This is to be agreed by the Eco committee.	SM
	<ul> <li>Solar Panel Planning – Planning permission has been granted, in part for solar panels, however only those facing the northwest. The eco committee has written a letter to support an appeal for panels being added to South facing roof space. The Chair pointed out that the local council planning policy and ecological planning policy doesn't fit with turning down Stickland's for solar panels. Solar panels have been approved for three other schools. If the school's appeal is agreed upon by the local authority, it will be too late to add panels into this current installation. However, the planning will be in place for the next time the money is offered to the school</li> </ul>	KM/SM

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22/080	<ul> <li>Pupil voice interviews – The headteacher is to review the last questionnaire, issued 8 months ago and present this at the next FGB. The board will work through the questions and add/amend accordingly. It was suggested the end of June/July, outside, so the children are in a relaxed environment.</li> <li>Headteacher is keen to get the board, particularly new members, into school as soon as Covid permits.</li> </ul>	KM/Board Board
22/081	<ul> <li>SFVS -</li> <li>Value for Money- Approved</li> <li>Benchmarking- Approved</li> <li>Value for Money- Approved</li> <li>Outturn- Approved</li> </ul>	
22/082	<ul> <li>Policies for approval from committees:</li> <li>Charging and Remissions Policy-Approved by all.</li> <li>Grievance Policy and Resolution Procedure -Approved.</li> <li>Lettings Policy- Approved by all.</li> <li>Support Staff Pay Policy – Approved by all.</li> <li>Staff Code of Conduct – Approved by all.</li> <li>Supporting Children with Medical Conditions- Approved by all.</li> </ul>	КМ
21/083	<ul> <li>KSS funeral donation money</li> <li>£850.00 was donated by Katherine Singletons-Smith's husband to the school and £70 is to go towards a memorial tree, to be planted at the end of March, £50 to support Bee keeping.</li> </ul>	Board

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	<ul> <li>The Headteacher and staff proposed that the balance should go towards a KSS memorial plaque, bibles, and nonfiction books. The headteacher and a governor are to look at sourcing the bibles. The words on the plaque are to be determined by the board and an unveiling event is to be organised. It was suggested this event could be combined with world book week or reading day? This is to be discussed further.</li> </ul>	KM/DI
22/084	Extra Curricular Activity.	
	The Chair posed a series of questions to the headteacher and staff to ascertain the types of Extra Curricular Activities held by the school to enable the Board to have a better understanding of ECAs within the school and how they fit with the school's vision.	
	<ul> <li>The school currently runs the following clubs: Sports, Creative writing, Rug making, Choir, Dance, Drama, Construction, Eco, film.</li> </ul>	
	• Clubs vary throughout the year, i.e., indoors in the winter with the focus on outside activities in the spring and summer.	
	• Staff organise the activities between themselves so there isn't too much cross-over in the diary. The clubs run at lunchtime or after school, so everyone can join in should they wish to.	
	<ul> <li>Costs are kept to a minimum. Sports clubs are funded by the Sports Funding the school receives.</li> </ul>	
	• ECAs are accessible to all pupils, both financially and physically.	
	<ul> <li>Despite being encouraged, parents are not engaged in ECA's.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>At present, the local community is not engaged in ECAs.</li> <li>Beekeeping at Summer Lodge will change this. Nicky Bower is</li> </ul>	

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	going to approach the bakery in Evershot to see if they would do a one-off 'dough day'.	NB/SM
	• The impact of ECA's isn't monitored as such, other than the children continue to attend. Anecdotally, the daughter of one of the governors had attended a school Cooking club. She is now taking a Food Technology GCSE as a result of her being inspired by the Club.	
22/085	Phonics. Training and information session for Governors delivered by Ruth *postponed*	
	It is felt that the impact will be lost as an online session, so this will be delivered when we are able to have a face-to-face meeting.	
22/086	Closing Prayer	
22/087	Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 24th May 2022 at 4:15pm.	