



STICKLAND'S C.E. V.A.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

FGB Minutes

Date and Time: 7th December 2021, at 4.15pm, via Google Meet.

Governors			07-Dec
Ruth Adler	Staff	RA	P
Nicky Bower	Parent Governor	NB	P
Richard Campbell	Foundation Governor	RC	P
Jax Comyn	Foundation Governor	JC	AA
Emma Garner-Jones	Clerk	EJGJ	P
Daniel Ingles	Foundation Governor	DI	AA
Gay Lewis	Foundation Governor	GL	P
Kathy McCann	Head Governor	KM	P
Andy McAney	Potential Authority Governor	AM	P
Suzie Mutch	Chair - Foundation Governor	SM	P
Kevin Roberts	Vice Chair - Authority Governor	KR	P
Louisa Spearing	Parent Governor	LS	P
*Sadie Watson		SW	P

No	Item	Action
21/060	Opening Prayer	
21/061	Present	
21/062	Apologies Daniel Ingles – Accepted Jax Comyn - Accepted	
21/063	Pecuniary Interests None.	
21/064	Minutes of the meeting of 19 October 2021 for approval Minutes approved by the board.	
21/065	Matters Arising	

	<p>Point 21/054 - Vik Verma had cancelled the meeting with the collaboration heads. The meeting was rescheduled for the 8th of November. The meeting to discuss county thoughts on Academisation. After the meeting, the headteacher felt reassured that County are going to continue to support maintained schools and there was no rush for Stickland's to look for an academy chain.</p>	
21/066	<p>Headteacher's Report, including covid matters</p> <p>The Chair congratulated the headteacher for becoming chair of the collaboration, which is made up of 10 other schools.</p> <p>A governor asked whether there had been any improvements in pupil numbers. The headteacher advised a new pupil will be joining the school Friday the 10th of December, taking the pupil count up to 82.</p> <p>A governor asked about attendance. The headteacher advised attendance is at 95%, which is low in comparison to normal levels, but there are no concerns. The absences are genuine and a reflection of the time of year and the pandemic.</p>	
21/067	<p>Chair's Report and Governor Action Plan</p> <p>The Chair announced that Governor Kevin Roberts is leaving the board. The Chair thanked Kevin for his outstanding service to the school and noted he would be greatly missed. Kevin Roberts thanked the board and advised he had thoroughly enjoyed his time at Stickland's.</p> <p>The Chair asked the board to vote for Gay Lewis as acting Vice-Chair until a new permanent Vice-Chair could be found. The board voted in favour of Gay as acting Vice-Chair.</p> <p>The Chair announced to the board that Nicky Bower is to join the resources committee.</p> <p>Andy McAney has offered to be a Local Authority governor. Andy McAney started his teaching career at Stickland's in 1989 and so has a long association with the school. Andy thanked the board for inviting him to join the board. The governors are waiting on the relevant checks to be returned before a vote can take place.</p> <p>A Baby grand piano was offered to the school. The headteacher declined as the school already has two pianos. The piano has found a new home at a different school.</p> <p>A vote was held to use £70 of the Katherine Singleton Smith Memorial fund, for a flowering Cherry Tree, purchased from groves. A governor agreed to organise the planting ceremony and write a tribute in memory of Katherine for the Chimes.</p> <p>Point 21/54, Resources minutes, referred to the Accessibility Audit. The Chair carried out the Audit on behalf of the Governing Body. There was nothing to add to</p>	JC/NB

	<p>the headteacher's plan. The board are happy with the items identified. The headteacher is going to complete the Accessibility Plan, using the input from parents, staff and Governors for the next meeting.</p> <p>The Chair and a governor went to the school to meet with Anna Low to do a school book scrutiny. They were encouraged to see how the children have moved on from September to today. Children from all areas - PP, SEND, EAL etc were represented in every year group. All pupils were achieving. The headteacher and staff knew each child. However, it was identified that the greater depth children were completing all their challenges unaided, so it was felt that those children needed to be stretched a little further.</p> <p>The Chair had been into school to interview children with the aim of ascertaining their well being and having an overview of their topic books. The overwhelming view is the children are much happier to be learning in school than out. A report is attached in the FGB file</p> <p>A governor asked the headteacher how the school knows it has set challenging targets, as this point had not been answered in the report. The headteacher advised that a detailed answer will be documented and added to the FGB folder.</p> <p>The Chair raised the objectives for vision 1 of the development plan, as it would take too long to discuss the whole plan in one meeting. The Chair, governor's and headteacher discussed each point 1-14 of the action plan in detail. A governor has been allocated to each point where needed. The fields will be completed by the Chair and saved in the FGB; December folder, called, Governor Development Programme.</p>	<p>KM</p> <p>KM</p>
<p>21/068</p>	<p>SFVS -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Virements - Discussed and agreed on the 23.11.21 at the Resources meeting, were presented to the board for approval. These were approved by the board. ● De-delegation - The deadline for the De-delegation is 12.12.21. This has been approved. The headteacher will submit the document to county. 	<p>KM</p>
<p>21/069</p>	<p>Policies for approval from committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Point 21/64, referred to the Teachers' Pay Policy - For consideration and approval. The document was not available prior to the resources committee meeting held on the 19th of October. The board accepted and approved the document. ● Point 21/58, referred to the Mental Health Policy - The policy was raised on the 16th of November at the P&S meeting. The board accepted and approved the document. ● Point 21/54, referred to the Admissions Policy - This policy was raised on the 19th of October at the Resources meeting. The board accepted and approved the document. 	

	<p>The Chair asked if there were any objections for Gay to join the performance and standards committee. There was no objection from the board.</p> <p>The parent governor thanked everyone for offering to buy vegetables for the Christmas lunch. However, due to a lack of numbers, the lunch had to be cancelled.</p> <p>The parent governor advised that Nativity raffle tickets are now on sale. The Tickets are on sale at the school or can be obtained by email. Date of the raffle draw is to be determined.</p> <p>A governor suggested putting a collection box in Summer Lodge and the Fox pub. The headteacher advised Summer Lodge had declined to have a collection box. The headteacher is in the process of creating a leaflet which Summer Lodge are happy to leave in the rooms for guests. The Fox pub is still to be asked.</p>	<p>LS</p> <p>KM</p>
21/070	Closing Prayer	
21/071	Date of next meeting: 7th February 2022	