



STICKLAND'S C.E. V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Let Your Light Shine Matthew 5:16

Full Governing Body Meeting Minutes

Monday 22 May in school at 13.00

Governors	Position	Initials	Present
Ruth Adler	Headteacher	RA	Y
Nicky Bower	Parent Governor	NB	Y
Jax Comyn	Foundation Governor	JC	AA
Daniel Ingles	Foundation Governor (ex officio)	DI	AA
June Jach	Clerk to the Governors	JJ	Y
Gay Lewis	Foundation Governor	GL	Y
Andy McAney	Local Authority Governor	AM	AA
Suzie Mutch	Foundation Governor (Chair)	SM	Y
Anna Low	Staff Governor	AL	Y
Emma Hodgkinson	Parent Governor	EH	A
AnneMarie Henham	Pending Governor	AH	Y
Elizabeth Rendell	Pending Governor	ER	A

No	Item	Action
1.	Opening Prayer	
2.	Present See register above.	

3.	<p><u>Organisational items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies were received from Daniel Ingles, Jax Comyn & Andy McAny • No change to pecuniary interests • Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed. There were no matters arising 	
4.	<p><u>Standing matters</u></p> <p><u>Safeguarding</u></p> <p>GL explained her methodology. RA and AL agreed that it was a good report. RA has followed up the report and the issue raised has been logged. There were discussions around the concerns but it was agreed that school had taken all the right steps and all agencies are aware.</p> <p><u>Wellbeing</u></p> <p>Wellbeing Warriors have been chosen for each class except Reception. Parents have been notified. Warriors will receive caps and badges. A Governor asked how this new role fits in with Playground Warrior roles. RA explained that these are different roles. A Governor asked how selection was made and what criteria was used. RA advised that staff chose a mix of abilities and willingness with one key being kindness. A Governor asked if the roles are by half term and RA confirmed with start date of June 2024. Staff will hold a first meeting with the new Warriors this week. (22-26 May). One member of staff is off sick and will remain off for several weeks. Cover is being provided by Olivia Page and Kate French has returned short term to assist.</p> <p>Governor Pupil Wellbeing visits to be carried out in the next few weeks.</p> <p><u>Previous Ofsted recommendations.</u> - Nothing to add as this has been discussed at previous FGB meetings.</p> <p><u>Questions to Head</u></p> <p>A number of questions were raised.</p> <p>1) How is Pupil Premium monitored? RA talked through the data and its application. A Governor asked if the data is published online. RA confirmed that it is. Using the data - FGB reviewed/confirmed effectiveness of spending, outcomes and value for money.</p>	AM/GL

2) Can RA explain how Sports Premium is provided and monitored. RA said that it is spent as committed e.g. cricket for cricket. There are 5 key indicators that we have to focus on when budgeting and allocating

1. Increased confidence, knowledge and skills of all staff in teaching PE and sport
2. The engagement of all pupils in regular physical activity
3. The profile of PE and sport is raised across the school as a tool for whole-school improvement
4. Broader experience of a range of sports and activities offered to all pupils
5. Increased participation in competitive sport

Chair advised that the local Schools Collaboration had asked about sharing resources. FGB thought this would be too complicated for Sticklands. RA confirmed that funds can be spent on relevant transport. It cannot be used towards swimming pool costs. Funding is per capita.

RA advised that National College and the School Bus have merged. School has a subscription and so all training is free.

External visits report

Mike Randall has provided a really positive report. A Governor asked about the proposed boundary fencing. RA advised that neither County nor the Diocese will fund it. School is taking all possible measures to minimise the risk to staff and children with notices, gates and constant observation by staff when the children are in the playground. Chair suggested a lockdown practice. RA advised that this is planned for September INSET day along with other safety precautions. General discussion followed and use of blinds, key security etc.

Governor visits

Chair thanked GL for the excellent Safeguarding report. Maths report is due in the next day or two. A Governor asked the best way to conduct a PHSE AND English visit. RA suggested attending one of the weekly meetings and to include a Pupil Premium and a SEND child. AMc asked for confirmation regarding Maths and Humanities. Chair asked whether, following the latest directive on sex education, school would still include "swimming costume" safeguarding training. RA confirmed this will continue. A Governor asked if all children are taught together for PHSE. RA advised that there are some areas only covered in Year 6. Parents can withdraw children for certain particular sessions.

Confirmation that the Governor Code of Conduct no longer needs to be signed by each Governor but should be adopted at an FGB meeting.

5.	<p><u>Head Teacher's report</u></p> <p>Three new children joined the school today 20/05/24. A sibling will follow once funding and support have been addressed, hopefully September 2024.</p> <p>Two year 4 girls looked around school today and it's hoped they will join. A Reception class child's family will be visiting shortly as well as a year 1 and a year 3. A Governor asked if there would be a funding problem where children are outside of catchment. RA said no problem with funding for school . However transport costs to school would not be met and parents would have to make their own arrangements.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Chair's report</u></p> <p>Distributed prior to the meeting. This has been read by all Governors and no questions were raised.</p> <p>Chair asked about finding parents with skills or knowledge who might be interested in sharing these with the school.</p> <p>A Governor talked about a school that has Parent forums each term. This might help where there are anonymous comments.</p>	
7.	<p><u>SDP (School Development Plan)</u></p> <p>In the Governor's action plan areas for development, the general view is the Board has improved their skill levels. . Discussion followed. There was a suggestion that Emma could come in and look at and support IT. Sport is not currently covered by a Governor.</p> <p>A Collective Worship audit due as is an RE monitoring visit. A Governor described a prayer tree that's being used in a local school and has proposed this to the DI.</p> <p>Succession planning needs to be considered and should be an area that is reviewed regularly.</p> <p>Governor handbook is now available online and not as a hard copy .</p> <p>There was a discussion about learning walks and trying to integrate into lessons more often.</p> <p>RA said that all Governors are welcome at Achievers assembly held after each Friday lunchtime. A Governor asked if there would be an end of year achievers event. RA advised there is a leavers celebration and an award</p> <p>Board are happy for reports in Maths and English to be published annually to the website.</p> <p>Should photos of Governors be on display in the school entrance.</p>	<p>EH</p> <p>DI</p>

	<p>There was a discussion about Prevent training. All governors have undertaken this training. RA said that the risks at school are low but all need to be aware and vigilant.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Main Focus areas.</u></p> <p>Data review and predictions have changed with the new admissions today. There are some challenges in obtaining information about children from previous schools. New joiners have negatively impacted predictions. A Governor asked whether staff see children's SATS answers. RA believed that at that stage there is no benefit. Present and future schools do get the results and for new schools, results contribute to decisions on streaming in secondary.</p> <p>EYFS will have 13 children next year. The first visit by children is tomorrow. Many are from Little Acorns. KW has undergone training in preparation for children who may join school in future.</p> <p>SEND - as visit report. RA distributed copies of Pupil Premium Strategy statement and data sheet. General discussion followed. A Governor asked if children were given individual targets as well. RA confirmed this is the case. A Governor asked if Pupil Premium funds are for general use. Confirmed yes. RA explained that additional funding for SEND is not provided. School must provide the first 16 hours per week before further funding can be sought. The School must and will accept new pupils who are SEND. A Governor asked whether that means our school might have a higher percentage of SEND pupils. Another Governor said that most schools now had around 25% of SEND pupils. A Governor asked why there was an increase. RA said this is due to better diagnosis, earlier intervention and to some extent covid has impacted children. WE are attractive to parents with children with SEND - small, inclusive school.</p> <p>RA distributed details regarding the funding document. RA will be monitoring this evening and will provide details at the next FGB meeting. A Governor asked if by the end of the academic year pupils have found "their sport". RA agreed that they have and in many cases multi sports.</p>	
9.	<p>Resources</p> <p>As read in pre-meeting report</p>	
10.	<p><u>Sticklands 150</u></p> <p>The recent Sam Brown gig held at the village hall was very successful, though not very well attended by parents. Holding the event helped the community to see the challenges with the village hall building and strengthen the relationship with the school.</p>	

	<p>There was a discussion about the grass at the Cricket Ground on the Melbury estate where the sports day may be held.</p> <p>For the picnic, the cricket club at Corscombe have offered a marquee.</p> <p>A plaque is being sourced that will go on the outside of the school. It will cost around £1,000. RA is trying to source funding, though the majority was raised at the gig.</p> <p>A Governor asked if there's a start time for the 150 year celebration event in September. . It will be around 1.00 p.m. A Governor asked whether people in the village will be invited. Posters will be distributed and an invite to all previous pupils, teachers and governors will be put into The Chimes. RA said that she will discuss Safeguarding for the event with GL and will also look at facilities</p>	<p>RI</p> <p>RI/GL</p>
11.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>If a Leavers assembly was held in the village hall there would be no charge. Logistics would need to be discussed due to a possible time clash</p> <p>RA talked about the difficulties of transitioning between different stages of school and to secondary school for some children. What appears to be a simple task, such as finding their way to the bus can be a problem initially at Beaminster. At the end of the academic year, Stickland's supports the children in this area by not walking the year 6 children to the bus and allowing them to find which bus they should be on independently.</p> <p>Dorset Council are putting together a panel to work on school attendance. GL has offered to join this panel.</p> <p>School Pub Quiz team, consisting of Head Teacher, Business Manager, Governors and parents had won again. It was a another good opportunity for the school to meet with the local community. RA to meet up with a local business owner who had many historic pictures of the school to discuss images for the 150 picnic</p>	<p>GL</p> <p>RA</p>
	Date of next meeting - 1pm, 15 July, Robin Room.	
12.	<u>Closing prayer</u>	
	Meeting ended at 14.55	

