

Members: *George Griffiths (Chair) (GG), Anna Lea (AL), Ayshka Sené (AS), Duncan Priestley (DP), Susan Pattinson (SP)*

In attendance: Abi Ruehorn-Hyde (ARH, Clerk)

Meeting start: **3:45pm Hrs. In School**

Meeting commenced: 4:00pm

1. Apologies

None

2. Approve minutes of last meeting

All approved

3. Matters arising

BW has stepped down from the committee. GG expressed thanks for all BWs work and commitment.

4. Declaration of Interests

None

5. School Development Plan (SDP) and Self Evaluation Form (SEF)

SEF is up to date. SDP is now a live document so should only need a cursory run through in meetings. DP asked if everyone was ok accessing the document, everyone agreed that they are.

Run through of the SDP and all looking well, DP highlighted that there are a few areas for governors to do some work. All school staff are having phonics training soon.

Action: DP to ask at the FGB if this format of the SDP is the most manageable for governors.

DP & Clerk check governor's areas of responsibilities within SDP

6. Pupil Progress: current attainment & progress data

When going through attainment table SP pointed out that due to a change in service provider there may be less information than usually readily available. DP reported that overall pupil attainment is in line with expectations.

• SEND

A pupil on the SEN register continues to work within the most suitable learning group. GG questioned if the parents were on board. SP said they were hesitant at first but do understand and agree.

On the table it is expected that a child makes 6 points of progress across a school year, more or less at this level even the lowest was 4 which still shows good progress.

• Looked After children

None

- Pupil Premium

None

- More able

As stated in previous meetings the school doesn't identify more able.

DP showed the committee a new website for LA (Local authority) maintained schools that shows the schools results in comparison to us, LA and nationally. Noted that because it works on percentages our small class cohorts can make a big difference compared to larger schools. AS asked why we have no high achievers. DP answered that the standard is very high.

AL said that the data shows a good upward trajectory for the school.

Poor results from RWM 2024 DP explained that is was a statistical accident.

GG commented that it is a good example of the data but a shame that it doesn't show any SEN data. DP agreed it is a useful tool and that we can tell the story behind the figures. One of our strong points is that we are a small school so the teachers know the students so well.

7. SEND update

AL no update at the moment BW & AL to have a full handover soon.

8. Safeguarding

No updates.

GG & DP to meet soon to check SCR

AL questioned the NGA safeguarding training as she felt that it was too brief. DP pointed out that it isn't the governor's role to be able to practically safeguard, but to know the procedures and hold the school to account. The school has efficient systems in place to monitor training.

Action: As safeguarding governor GG will do the NGA training

9. Policies to ratify

Child protection – All agreed.

SEN – At the FGB

AL did challenge that there was no way of raising a safeguarding concern or complaint with the child protection policy. All looked through and there was some ambiguity in the complaints policy. DP amended appendix A.

10. Governor Monitoring Visits

Take off and put on FGB.

Action: Clerk

11. AOB

DP had a few points. 1) The school has a member of staff off at the moment, the school wishes them a speedy recovery and we look forward to the return. The school has been finding it a challenge to find a temporary replacement.

2) More of a resources area but DP wants the committee to be aware the school has two members of staff whose contracts will run out in summer. With the numbers looking as they do at the moment that suggests that we will need them in the future. AL questioned would it be temporary or permanent contracts. DP currently unsure. Temporary contracts have less effect the longer they go on. The school wants to do what is best by the children.

AS added that all the staff are doing a great job. DP agreed that all staff are fantastic.

12. Dates of next meetings

To be arranged at FGB.

Meeting concluded at 1730.