

ACADEMY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Tuesday 19th March 2024

Time: 17.45-19.45

Venue: Gorseley Bank Primary School

Clerk: T Bhakar

Present: J Maguire, S Mellor, N Mitchell, J Lawson, G Ashworth, H Thompson, F Bell, Z Shah, L Woolley, S Illingworth, C Liu, L Ratcliffe

Action	Initials
Clerk to send Governors email to remind ROVs to be completed in the summer term.	TB
Writing strategy to be shared at ACM4	JM
New date to be decided and confirmed for ACM4	TB/JM

Agenda – Part 1				
Category	Item	Notes	Action	
1	Governance Arrangements	Apologies	All Governors were in attendance and there were no apologies for this meeting.	
		AOB items	There were no other items of business to be covered in this meeting.	
		Governor Training – Pupil Parliament	<p>Three pupils from GB presented on the Pupil Parliament and Cabinet.</p> <p>There are lots of new ideas being implemented to encourage fundraising. Pupils are actively involved in giving ideas for friendship improvement, activities for lunchtimes etc.</p> <p>Q: What is the most successful bit?</p> <p><i>A: Department of Education spent a lot of time working on the Reading Challenge.</i></p> <p>Q: Is the work for Pupil Parliament completed during lessons?</p>	

		<p><i>A: There are hot topic sessions to discuss certain topics. Sometimes work can be completed during lunchtimes.</i></p> <p>Q: Is the Pupil Parliament only at GB?</p> <p><i>A: No, all Laurus Trust Primaries however it started at Gorsey bank.</i></p>	
	Register of interests	There are no changes to be made to the Register of Interests.	
	Code of Conduct	It is formally noted that all Governors agreed to adhere to the Code of Conduct and Acceptable Use for IT Policy.	
	Part 1 Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held were <u>approved</u> as a correct record of the meeting.	
	Membership: Recruitment Update/Succession Planning	All up to date.	
	Scheme of Delegation	There have been no changes to this document and there were no questions.	
	Trust Board Update	The Governors noted the latest Trust Board update.	
	Link Governor Roles	<p>It is encouraged that all Link Governors to complete a visit in the Summer Term.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to send out an email to remind Governors ROVs to be booked in.</p>	Action

		Crown Street Primary	HT provided an update. The building is now complete and the keys will be handed over in June. The School. will have a Ofsted Pre Check to ensure that it meets the criteria to open.	
2	School Performance & Accountability	Review School Development Plan Priorities Focus Priority: Pupil Personal Development	<p>LR, Assistant Head for Inclusion, talked about the work around Diversity and Inclusion at Gorsey Bank.</p> <p>Work on this has involved looking at Eid Celebrations, reviewing use of 'X' and a refreshed look at Digital Well-being.</p> <p>Q: Are you looking to re establish the house system?</p> <p>A: It means a lot to the children and helps to create healthy competition. Post Covid the children have been encouraged to vote House Captains and this involves pupils presenting to an audience.</p> <p>Q: Is there anything you're not getting to do that you would like to do?</p> <p>A: Ideally we would like to pair up with another school. There are many benefits for enrichment but worry of doing it at a lightweight level may come across as tokenistic.</p> <p>We need to have a clear vision of what we would like to do.</p> <p>Q: Is partnering with other schools seen as tokenistic?</p> <p>A: It is the two extremes, it can work really well or it can be very surface level. The integration of Crowne Street and Hazel Grove Primary School will help to reach a different demographic.</p> <p>Q: On eSafety, how much is Trust wide rather than GB?</p>	

			<p><i>A: Both. There are systems that are Trust wide and then individual primaries are using systems that work for their schools.</i></p>	
		EHP	<p>This is included for information for Governors. These visits happen termly. LW is very happy with how well GB are doing. EHP meetings are a great opportunity for emergent leaders to have a chance to present and account for their areas of responsibility. Lots of strategic decisions are made. Looking at bigger patterns, professional learning and resources.</p>	

	School Self Evaluation – GED	<p>This document was provided for reference.</p> <p>Q: Is scaffolding still on plan?</p> <p><i>A: It is always the hardest thing to do. Good work is happening across the primaries. We need to ensure that the basics are instilled and maintained even at KS2 level.</i></p> <p>Action: Writing strategy to be shared in more detail.</p>	Action
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	Behaviour and Safeguarding Update including Attendance	<p>HoS provided a written update and questions were welcomed from Governors.</p> <p>Mandatory training to Kids Club and Middays to support unstructured play time. It is ongoing and LSAs are undergoing antibullying training.</p> <p>Vysion provided GB parents training on Digital safety.</p> <p>Q: What was the concentration of year groups of parents?</p> <p><i>A: Older year groups.</i></p> <p>Q: Do you have any particular year group concerns?</p> <p><i>A: Two individual cases but not a single cohort.</i></p> <p>Governors commented that attendance looked great. JM still wants better despite being higher than the national average.</p>	
	KPIs	KPIs were shared as part of the EHP report.	

3	Governor Monitoring	Record of Visits	<p>ZS provided a review of her Profession Development and Wellbeing visit. ZS noted that there are a number of opportunities for staff for development.</p> <p>SM reported on his Record of Visit where he met the Ministry of Justice and three members of teaching staff. He noted a good culture within GB.</p>	
		Policies	Governors were asked to review and approve Crown Street Public Sector Equality Duty policy. This was approved by Governors at the meeting.	

		Safeguarding and Send Link Governor updates	SM provided a brief update and a written RoV will be uploaded to Teams.	
		Finance Update	<p>Governors noted that Finance update provided and questions were welcomed.</p> <p>There is a lot of variance. GB's spend is now being scrutinised by the Trust.</p>	

		Health and Safety Update	The Health and Safety report was circulated prior to the meeting and Governors did not have any further questions as they felt the detail in the report was sufficient.	
		Check website compliance (publication of all required details on Governance and SEND Report/Pupil Premium Strategy/Sport Premium Report)	The website is compliant in terms of the publication of statutory documents.	
4	Governor Development	Review Trust training plan	The Governors were asked if they have any request for training. Governors reminded to inform the Clerk of any training completed.	
		Clerk to Minute any training undertaken by Governors since the last meeting	Governors are reminded to send their certificates to the Clerk to enable the training log to be updated.	

5	Community Engagement	Stakeholder Engagement	Pupil numbers were discussed here. There are not enough children therefore we do not have full numbers. It is a problem with other schools – not confined to GB. This time, there was lots of outreach to ensure that we made as many local families aware of GB.	
	AOB		Nothing was raised for discussion.	
1	Meeting Dates:		ACM4: TBC	

Impact of Meeting / Key Outcomes	
Governors received interesting training from Pupils on Pupil Parliament.	
The Governors were updated on the progress of Crown Street Primary	

Meeting closed at 19.45



Chair
Neil Mitchell