

WEDMORE FIRST SCHOOL ACADEMY
FULL GOVERNING BODY
MINUTES

For the Full Governors Meeting held on 22nd September 2016 at 7.30 pm in the School Staff Room at Wedmore First School Academy,
 Wedmore

Present: Jackie Hipwell Myra Ellis	Pat Benjamin Tim Moreman Val Jones	Stephen Willis Sue Ham Sarah Rant	Linda Leavey (Clerk)	Apologies: Derek Logan Sue James	Absent: Andy Reeson
Item of Business	Points Discussed			Decisions Taken	Action Points
1. Welcome and Apologies	Meeting opened 7.45 pm. The meeting was not quorate due to equal number of staff governors to governors. The Headteacher would present two topics and PB would provide an update on the Building Project. The meeting to be reconvened to Tuesday 4 th October 2016.				
2. Headteacher's Report	<p>Admissions & Attendance : Changes over summer holiday included 3 reception pupils leaving for valid reasons and new pupils moving into area. Total pupils in September 204. Across CV schools all are quite full - we have spaces in Reception and Yr1. CV Heads communicating and aiming to guide families from out of catchment into the MAT schools where there is space. Indication that families in Axbridge are choosing HSMS for Yr5 pupils.</p> <p>The Nursery is undergoing a massive recruitment drive; Michelle visiting local toddler groups. JDH explaining difficulties experienced by WLT over the summer. Assured by DfE all would be complete by 1st September but without consultation the DfE formed the MAT with WFSA, Axbridge, Weare and KoW. The two problems were due to registration of land and where the DfE believed a children's centre was operating rather than a Nursery. By 1st November WLT should be complete. The 7 heads across 8 schools remain united together achieving common policies, child safeguarding, statutory and common assessments and common priorities for Improvement Plan to work on together.</p> <p>WLT chronology up to date report given to Main BoD - LJJ to send to all with HT Report. LA remain unhelpful.</p> <p>Q: With the delayed development of MAT, how will the responsibilities of this governing body be dealt with? A: Need to be quorate to make these decisions. DfE recommending 12 governors; need to decide on committee structure and working parties. Give thought to election of new governors and identifying required skills/expertise. Existing governors have great knowledge which WFSA Governing Body needs for the next year – really don't want to lose any Governors.</p> <p>Q: Can Members be invited to next meeting to vote and decide on important decisions? Agreed - LL to invite. Staff to be updated on MAT - JDH to attend Admin meeting on Tuesday.</p>				<p>LL to attach WLT & HT report to minutes.</p> <p>Members invited to meeting JDH to update staff</p>
3. Build Project	PB provided a Report and led Governors through this. Exciting times; good weather. School gone to great lengths to accommodate build project and parents had been very understanding of build. Pleasing how everyone has managed so far. VJ to look into gate opening in layby to				

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	<p>playground at start and finish of day for parents. Gates into barn to be opened wide to stop bottle neck. Fire drill had been successful.</p> <p>Inset days to be kept back for moving into classrooms.</p> <p>Discussing finances. Of the £20,000 contingency there may be a surplus to spend on furniture/playground equipment. Green and School Councils to look at playground - PB to meet with them. VJ met with DL regarding figures - the bid was originally based on the school fundraising. We must think about trying to fund raise for the £20,000. VJ to apply for grants. Asking all Governors to consider ideas for approaching companies for sponsorship (eg. Clarks). The £60,000 has been loaned over 10 years. New building costs less as low maintenance and heating, so theoretically saving money.</p>		
	<p>Meeting closed at 8.40 pm</p>		

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