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THE CLERK TO THE GOVERNORS

Stoke Bishop Church of England Primary School
FULL GOVERNING BODY MEETING – TERM 1
Held on Monday 26th September 2022 at 4.30pm at school

Minutes

PRESENT:

FOUNDATION

Rachel Powlesland (RP)
Helena Richards (HRi)

MEMBERS

Cynthia Treharne (CT)
Joshua Denton (JD)
Paul Wake (PW)

PARENT GOVERNORS

Bridget Davies (BD) Chair
Helen Rowe (HR)
Sophie Summers (SS)
James Wiggins (JW)
Michael Barnes (MB)

STAFF

David Forrester (DF) Head Teacher
Darren Hunt (DH) Deputy Head
Ann Smith (AS) Business School
Manager

Clerk to Governors

Sarah Richardson (SR)

ITEM	MINUTE	ACTION
196	<p>Welcome</p> <p>196.1 Welcome, Apologies for Absence and Opening Prayer Apologies received from Jema Ball (JB). Apologies accepted by the Governing Board.</p> <p>RP led the opening prayer.</p> <p>196.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests The Attendance Register and Declaration of Pecuniary Interests was sent out by AS ahead of the meeting. Nothing was noted.</p> <p>196.3 Code of Practice & Code of Conduct All Governors have read & agreed to both documents.</p>	
197	<p>Minutes from last meeting (FGB 04.07.2022)</p> <p>197.1 Approval of Minutes Minutes approved. Now available on the school website.</p> <p>All items had been completed or would be covered under the agenda for this meeting.</p>	
198	<p>Safeguarding</p> <p>Appropriate Safeguarding training 'Safeguarding Refresher Training' for ALL Governors was presented by school.</p> <p>The GB will focus on the following areas (identified as changes within the training session) throughout the following terms. Point 3 was covered 26.09.2022.</p>	

Changes

1. Peer-on-Peer-Child on Child harm (statutory) - T2
2. New statutory guidance around domestic abuse and forced marriage T3
3. Appropriate Safeguarding training for ALL governors.
4. Adherence to Equality and Human Rights legislation T4
5. Online checks for recruitment - T2
6. Development of the Low-Level concerns process. T5
7. DSLs need to be aware of the role of an appropriate adult

Actions for all Governors:

- A. Read the documents as indicated with a focus on the key changes – Use search if it helps your focus.
- B. If you have time and the inclination watch this programme on understanding coercive control – part of understanding a very difficult subject. Even better if you can watch it with someone else – for the benefit of the debate. Follow the link below
- C. Read the updated Safeguarding Policy for sense and accuracy.

ALL

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p08v5pwj/is-this-coercive-control>

Governor question: Is this Bristol focused or nationwide?
Bristol focused, sent from LA.

The GB then focused on the Government White Paper 'Working together to improve school attendance' & SEND Review.

DF is meeting with NW24 to look at partnership approach on improving attendance.

Governor question: how is school getting the message of attendance out there?
Through the children with the aim to influence parent's decisions, but will also talk to school community to convey message.

SEND Review – making sure SEND children are being considered when Safeguarding is in place.

No further questions.

Headteacher report**The Governing Board wished to thank all school staff, especially AS for the hard work in getting school ready following the building work over the summer.**

School gave an update on building works:

- Heating work completed
- Final snagging list to be done
- Whole system to be signed off & discuss future works to be done, which includes: library, hall blinds, hall flooring & toilets (staff, KS1 & KS2)
- 1 more quote to come in for reception playground work
- MUGA planning permission has to be submitted by school
- Outdoor classroom/prayer space still tbc

School flagged an issue with data that is coming from FFT (Fisher Family Trust) who process school data. The system is very slow (due to covid & staff not being pulled back to system).

Governor question: how should we interpret data?

Comparison is more relevant for us. KS1 is currently above average & KS2 have had great results, which shows that our response to Covid, Emotional wellbeing and activity rather than just focussing on academic interventions worked well.

Governor question: how is the new teacher arrangements working in year 5/6?

Hub team are working well together & teacher changes seem very positive.

Governor question: who is the new Safeguarding lead (in place of IH)? & is that working ok?

Working well. DSL training has been provided for AB, who has taken on Safeguarding role from IH.

Governor question: how is school supporting families during the cost of living increases?

Every class completes the [whole school] vulnerable student list, pastoral team follow up with checks. A yearly planner is being completed and will be sent to all parents/carers to help forecast yearly school expenditure (trips, swimming lessons etc). School is always available for families to come & speak to about any issues they are facing.

As a result of the mini budget, school have now had notification from the DfE that additional funding will be given to schools to help with increases in costs of running. More detail will be covered by AS with the finance committee.

Governor question: has school budgeted for yearly increases?

Predicted increases are included in the forecast for the year.

Governor question: given the success of the recruitment drive for pupils last year are school doing the same thing this year?

A new sign has been produced & marketing ourselves on twitter. School have continued to work closely with local nurseries.

The Governors thanked all school staff for their continued hard work.

	Update from BW given by BD.	
206	AOB Nothing noted.	

The meeting closed at 6.35pm

Date of the next meeting: Monday 5th December 2022 (including AGM)

SIGNED: DATE: