

Governing Body of Bowhill Primary School

Full Governing Body Meeting held on

Tuesday 1st July 2014 at 6pm at Bowhill Primary School

Present: Caren Brooks, Reg Edwardson, Karen Webb, Natalie Bracher, Mark Burnard, Stephen Cousley, Karen Cronin, Jenny Downing, Claire Quick, Rebecca Rankin, Rod Ruffle, Emma Walker-Brown, Darren Wallis and Debra Ward

Apology: Caroline Wellaway, Ruth O'Neale

Absent:

In attendance: Karin Gordon

*Fire exit procedures detailed by RE *

Declaration of Business Interests

None Declared

1. To receive apologies for absence

Received as above.

2. To consider minutes from the Governing Body's meeting on Tuesday 18th March 2014

Minutes approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

3. To discuss matters arising from the minutes

Item 13. Rebecca Rankin and Debra Ward have attended Committee Meetings and are both Governors on the P&C Committee.

4. To approve Committee Meeting Minutes

The FGB formally approved Committee Meeting Minutes.

5. Formal approval of SMIP and Budget for Year

FGB formally approved SMIP and Budget.

6. To review and approve Month 13/SEF/Safeguarding

Month 13 approved at B&F Committee Meeting and duly approved by FGB.

No updates to current SMIP but after Audit have added on Five Year Building Plan as an appendix, which was circularised to Governors prior to FGB Meeting. SEF no change as yet, still awaiting up to date Data, will then be forwarded to Governors.

Kate Williams has now introduced herself to all relevant families and is working with JD and SEN Co-Ordinator. She has also attended the Reception Meetings for September Intake and introduced herself to the new parents.

CB has completed safeguarding refresher course, KW and CL have all completed on-line safeguarding course.

7. To fix date for Priming Meeting when agendas for and dates for FGB and Committee Meetings will be agreed

FGB agreed to Priming Meeting on the 9th September 2014.

8. To agree Curriculum Aims and Statement

FGB formally approved Curriculum Aims and Statement which were fully discussed and approved at both Committee Meetings.

9. To report on Benchmarking

Bowhill is still using benchmarking tools and is currently in line with schools of a similar size. RR proposed that we can accept Benchmarking on behalf of FGB, which was agreed.

10. To review Admissions Policy

KG circularised to Governors prior to FGB Meeting. Admissions will still be processed by DCC but under a separate charge.

11. To approve School Fund Audit

None held.

12. To receive Headteacher's Report

Headteacher's Report circulated to Governors prior to Meeting.

Whole staff training in Think Writing, this was delivered by Babcock Consultant Joy Simpson. It gave new strategies in writing for both staff and children.

SATs papers are starting to come back and thresholds seem to be the same as last year.

RE and CB attended the Trust Meeting yesterday and Governors were given update on plans for next year and dates agreed.

CB advised strike is going ahead next Thursday, 10th July and letters will be forwarded to parents tomorrow.

Prospectus photographs will taken on Thursday, 17th July 2014.

New financial monitor has now been put on hold until at least new academic year.

Governors Reports

KG has received reports from CQ for Benchmarking, Sportsday and Pupil Premium, also from NB reports on Behaviour and visit to Year 5.

EWB will be forwarding report on visit to Mrs Blower in 1/3.

13. To consider any other matters brought forward by the Chair

Update on how PE/Games money has been spent. KG will forward more details to DW.

CB requested that FGB give their approval to an increase in the school meals prices to £2.20 per day, which was agreed by FGB.

Governors approved updated Behaviour Policy with small amendment to Item 2.5.

RR and EWB proposed formally thanking Malcolm Browning for assisting in the prompt payment which enabled the school trip to London to go ahead. We are also pleased to report that he has now been re-imbursed.

RR would also like the Governors to give formal thanks to IB for all her hard work in ensuring a successful audit.

To confirm the date of next meeting

Priming Meeting 9th September 2014

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting closed at 7.11 p.m.

Signed _____ Dated _____