

FGB Meeting 11 January 2023

Part One - Minutes

Present:

Victoria Abbott (VA)	Adam Boshoff (ACB)
Kyra Mumford (KM)	Amy Betterton (AB)
Tim Hingston (TH)	Tom Crees (TC)
Mary McAllen (MM)	Lucy Smith (LC)
Aaron Twaits (AaT)	Tom Crees (TC)
Nigel Freeman (NF)	

In attendance:

Pam Langridge (Clerk)
Carolynne Ballard (Bursar)

Welcome / Apologies / Declarations

Welcome back and Happy New Year.
Apologies received for FM.
No business interests to declare.

Constitution

No current vacancies.
Strategic leads confirmed.

Minutes

Agreed.

Chairs Update

Review of school cleaner contract postponed from February to March.

Governor Gazette issued to parents at end of term.

GLP Update

After a robust discussion governors unanimously agreed to pursue the possibility of joining the Learning Partnership MAT in September 2023.

VA to set up meeting with spokesperson from Learning Partnership.
Governors to prepare a list of questions in advance and put together a working party.
Governors, Head Teacher and Bursar to arrange to meet with contemporaries from a school already within the MAT eg Loseley Fields.

Resources Update

Governors received a resources report in previous meeting.
Governors were advised the last set of school ipads has now been approved.
Energy funding received and can be used on other operational spend, may be prudent to save for next year as the funding may not be repeated.

Head Teacher Report

Governors thanked HT for her report.

Governors expressed concerns over high levels of persistent absence in year R but noted this was also reflective in staff absence so could be attributed to a bad run of illness within the school as a whole.

Governor Lead Updates

TC, AaT and ACB to book onto [safer recruitment](#) training running on 21 February.

Skills audit completed. Key takeaways are we have a young board who would like support to understand strategic focus and SDP. [VA agreed to do a session in next FGB on the current SDP document.](#)

[AaT, VA and ACB to discuss a mentoring plan](#) for new Governors going forward.

Governors were reminded to book visits linked to strategic lead responsibilities and evidence visit with report to be sent to Clerk for record keeping, ideally before the February FGB and then on an ongoing basis.

Governors were advised the visit from Helen, SAFE was successful with positive feedback.

Governors suggested an increase social media presence to help with admission numbers.

Chair thanked Governors for visit reports that had been submitted, and signposted governors to the gov files to review previous reports as a steer for content.

Lettings

Governors discussed the impact of a weekend let if classrooms were included and agreed that the possible disruption to classrooms / teachers and resources should be considered alongside the cost of heating the school over the weekend period.

Policies

Governors ratified

- Teacher Pay Policy
- Complaints policy & brochure
- Capabilities of Staff

Confidential Items

None

Dates of Future Meetings

22 February and 15 March 2023 (Finance only)