



Beetham Church of England (Aided) Primary School

Governing Body

Minutes of a meeting of the Community and Welfare Committee held in St Michael and All Angels Church on Wednesday 29th September 2021 at 5.30pm

Present: Mr Brian Smalley (BS – Chair, LA Governor)
 Mrs Abi Johnson (AJ – Headteacher)
 Reverend Andrew Norman (AN – Ex Officio Foundation Governor)
 Mr John Lomax (JL - Chair of Governing Body, Foundation Governor)

Apologies: -

In attendance: Mrs Sally Coyle (SC - Clerk to the Governing Body)

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence	
BS welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2. Governors' Declaration of Interest in Agenda Items	
None declared.	
3. Notification of AOB and Confidential Items	
None raised.	
4. Election of Chair for 2021/22 Academic Year	
<i>SC took over as Chair and BS was elected as Chair for a further year (Proposed: JL. Seconded: AN)</i>	
5. Review of C&W Terms of Reference	
The TOR were reviewed. No changes necessary.	

6. Minutes of Last Meeting – Monday 21st September 2020	
<p>The minutes approved by the FGB on the 19.01.21. were noted.</p>	
7. Matters Arising from the Minutes	
<p>7. Preparing Children for Communion without Confirmation</p> <p>Governors discussed the introduction of a toddler group at the school, with involvement from AN to introduce an act of collective worship and build on this further as numbers grew. It was agreed that this should be explored in further detail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Action:-</u> Plans for a toddler group to be explored in further detail <p>7. SIAMS Vision</p> <p>Governors discussed the new framework, the follow up meeting/termly planning session held between AJ/AN in August and core vision and values work undertaken during the staff inset day. The need to reduce the number of values was highlighted – currently 12 – with a view to seeking feedback from children and parents and having 3 “umbrella” values in total.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Action:-</u> AJ to forward the new SIAMS framework and training details from the Diocese. AN to contact Charlotte Tudway with a view to a SIAMS session for staff and governors taking place in the spring term <p>7. Mental Health in Schools – the importance of supporting staff and children’s mental health was again highlighted by governors. AJ gave a number of examples of the work being undertaken including having a Teaching Assistant dedicated to giving transition support to those who had just joined the reception class, additional help for those who had been identified as requiring it and counselling for 2 students</p> <p>7.RSHE/PSHE – parents consulted and new policy now in place</p> <p>All other matters covered on the agenda.</p>	<p>AJ/AN</p> <p>AJ/AN</p>
8. Marketing Update	
<p>The recent positive coverage regarding the school field in the Westmorland Gazette was highlighted.</p> <p>Nursery intake of just one child for September 2022 was highlighted and the need to reactivate the Twitter account and engage proactively with key partners including Beetham Garden Centre and the Paper Mill was discussed.</p>	

<p>8. School Improvement Plan Review</p> <p>AJ highlighted the recent review of SIP priorities following the work undertaken by WN/KK. Areas noted included the current curriculum review taking place, the work around SIAMS with AN and the need for a new strand linked to Technology given the considerable ICT constraints currently being experienced.</p>	
<p>10. School / Church Liaison Update</p> <p>As discussed earlier in the agenda. AJ also thanked AN for his support in drawing up a termly schedule of joint activities and the desire to start using the church building much more was highlighted.</p>	
<p>11. Policy Update</p> <p>AJ highlighted that a number of policies had been circulated for review. The considerable work done by WN in updating policies last year was discussed and the need for a policy tracker was again raised. SC to send a template to AJ.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action:- SC to forward a policy tracker template to AJ for her to populate with statutory and non-statutory policies and forward to governors <p><i>Safeguarding</i> - SC highlighted that AJ had been asked to deliver a training session for governors around the KCSIE changes for September 2021. AJ highlighted that she was undertaking the required Level 3 training in November and LH was acting DSL in the meantime.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action:- The need for all governors to undertake Safeguarding training as previously discussed was highlighted by the Clerk. Quizzes etc to be introduced to verify governors' understanding of their statutory safeguarding responsibilities 	<p>SC/AJ</p> <p>ALL/AJ</p>
<p>12. Subject Reviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action:- Current arrangements for subject link governors and other link governors to be agreed. Programme of regular reviews to be established, particularly for core subjects/SEND/Safeguarding/Pupil Premium/Health and Safety <p>AN highlighted that he was happy to be the FOBS link in future if governors were in agreement.</p>	<p>AJ</p>
<p>13. Any Other Business</p> <p>None raised.</p>	
<p>14. Confidential Items</p> <p>None raised.</p>	

15. Date of Next Meeting	
TBC.	

Signed: (Chair)	
Date:	