

## **MEETING OF BALLAUGH SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 17:30**

### **Attendees:**

Mrs Jan Bale (JB)	Teacher Governor
Mr Barry Cowin (BC)	Co-Opted Governor
Dr Graeme Cushnie (GC)	Headteacher
Mrs Tracey Radcliffe (TR)	Parent Governor (Chair)
Mrs Shirley Ryzak (SR)	Clerk to Governors

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Meeting opened at 17:30.

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mr Steven Bevan                      DESC Education Council representative  
(Mr Bevan was attending a meeting at DESC)

### **2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021**

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and signed by TR.

### **3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**Publishing Minutes** – The school has received a Freedom of Information request seeking copies of minutes in 18/19, 19/20. These have been forwarded to DESC. It was agreed that, after minutes have been signed in the future, these would be placed on our school website.

**Reception Intake 2021** – The headteacher met with parents and discussed their options.

**Facebook Page** – The headteacher is still toying with the idea of a school Facebook page.

**Staff Absence** – All staff are now in school full-time.

### **4. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mrs Ryzak shared the current financial figures. The school had around £200 remaining from last year's budget although our finance sheets show £1500. This was due to an amount of £1300 being added by DESC to our budget at the end of the year. The budget allocated for the school to spend in 21/22 is £2,180 less than the previous year due to the forecasted changes to school role.

### **5. HEADTEACHER'S REPORT**

This was shared with the governors, points to note:

**Pupil Attendance** – All children returned following lockdown. TR asked how the children had settled back into school. GC reported the staff's observations. Year 6 had not completed a full year of schooling since Year 4 and the long term of the impact was yet to be discovered. Teachers were monitoring children closely. TR hoped we would now stay open with no further lockdowns and GC also agreed saying that this would hopefully be the

case unless we had an actual COVID case in school. Daily routines have now changed with assemblies, swimming, mixing classes being evaluated. GC said much more of his role was now taken up with Health and Safety requirements. GC commended the staff at school stating that they were doing “an incredible job and also that the impact of successive lockdowns on staff must also not be forgotten”.

**Staffing** – no changes envisaged this academic year. GC to check on any changes in the following academic year before sharing. **Action GC**

**Buildings** – the flat roof has been repaired.

**SSRE** – The schools link advisor was invited to, and visited the previous day.

**Ardwhallan** – A replacement for this was being sought but GC explained it would be difficult to replace this activity without incurring a much higher cost. Parental contribution may need to be requested.

**Red Nose Day** – Delayed until 7<sup>th</sup> May due to lockdown. Items to be sold by Y5/6 next week.

TR thanked GC for his report.

## **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Northern Area Plan** - BC asked GC's thoughts with regard to the Northern Area Town and Country plan which showed an extra 200 houses possibly planned for Ballaugh. It was hoped that it would impact positively on the school and GC would be in favour of it.

**COVID Proportionate Response Document** – This was shared with Governors. This showed the situation at present as: assemblies are not felt to be necessary given the level of close mixing indoors while there are unexplained cases in the community, dinner arrangements changed with two sittings possibly being required in the future. GC is to have a meeting with Meals Service to ascertain the viability of this. Packed lunches were now being eaten outside on dry days and in classrooms on wet days with teaching staff having to supervise. Swimming was cancelled this week and a decision will now be taken on a week by week basis depending on COVID numbers and the cleaning protocols for the buses and the pool. Levels on the document were linked to Dept current advice but had been tweaked for Ballaugh School. The document had been discussed by staff at their weekly staff meeting and the school was currently operating in the second green section.

## **7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 17:30

The meeting closed at 18:40

Read and approved :

Date :