

MEETING OF BALLAUGH SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Tuesday 21st March 2023 at 17:30

Attendees:

Mr Barry Cowin (BC)	Co-Opted Governor (chair)
Ms Caroline Devlin (CD)	Parent Governor
Miss Kate McHugh (KM)	Teacher Governor
Dr Graeme Cushnie (GC)	Headteacher
Mrs Laura Mylchreest (LM)	Clerk to Governors

The meeting opened at 17:35.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

BC welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologies were received from Ms Janet Bailey (JB) the DESC Education Council representative

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 31st JANUARY 2023

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed by everyone, a few spelling mistakes were noted however the content was accepted as a true record and signed by BC.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

LM shared the current financial figures including the remaining budget as at 28th February along with an approximate projection of the remaining budget at the end of the financial year.

GC reminded the Governors that due to financial pressures across government the academic business planning fund (ABPF) was not available to schools this year. This meant that anything required for the school during the current budget year needed to have been purchased prior to the cut-off date of last Friday 17th March. GC thanked LM for her efforts during the run up to the cut-off date.

GC advised he has contacted DESC to confirm if the funds awarded this year to cover the additional release time for the early career teacher will continue during the summer term and also the next academic year.

CD would be interested in some basic finance training, if anything is available, to help her understand the budget report.

5. HEADTEACHER'S REPORT

This was shared with the governors, the additional points discussed were as follows:



Attendance – GC explained the reasons for the unauthorised absence marks in January & February.

Maintenance –GC confirmed that the boiler had now been fixed and the reception boys & girls toilets had been measured up as they are due for refurbishment.

Leadership & Management – GC wanted to note that all parents had now booked an appointment for the KS2 parent consultations taking place this week.

Staffing – Lunchtime assistant Mrs Evans started on Monday. GC wants to organise some training for the lunchtime assistants on how to deal with those children who struggle to emotionally regulate and display challenging behaviour during unstructured time such as lunchtimes. An Educational Child Psychologist will be organising this with the ASC liaison officer.

Mrs Kneale has now officially retired and an assembly and presentation will be held on the last day of term. We are still waiting to hear when the Kitchen position will be advertised.

Additional Educational Needs – GC updated the governors that there were now 8 children on the additional needs register.

Other news – Cycle Training is upcoming, there are 2 children not taking part. A new child joined Class 3 last week, he and his parents were shown round by the class teacher and four of the children from Class 3. He is now settling in very well. The residential trip for Class 4 to the Venture Centre is next term, hopefully all children will attend.

BC thanked GC for his report.

6. SAFEGUARDING MATTERS

There are none to report

7. RSE CURRICULUM

This has currently been paused by DESC while an investigation by the department takes place. GC shared that further information about what the curriculum will look like going forward will follow once the investigation & a review of the current curriculum has taken place.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting: Tuesday 13th June at 17.30

The meeting closed at 18.40

Read and approved:

Date:

11-7-23