

MEETING OF BALLAUGH SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Tuesday 11th July 2023 at 17:30

Attendees:

Mr Barry Cowin (BC)	Co-Opted Governor (chair)
Mrs Janet Bailey (JB)	DESC Education Council Representative
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 17:40.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

BC welcomed everyone to the meeting, there were no apologies for absence

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 31st JANUARY 2023

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

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

JB enquired as to whether all children attended the residential trip to the Venture Centre, GC confirmed they did although some did not stay overnight.

GC noted that the RSE curriculum is still paused until further guidance is received from DESC.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

GC explained that the school budget would now be managed entirely by the school, not just items 'above the line' as previously. This now includes all staff salaries, energy bills and building costs.

LM shared the budget amount allocated for the financial year 2023/24

5. HEADTEACHER'S REPORT

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

Attendance – JB asked if any absences were due to Covid 19, GC confirmed that C19 had not been reported as a reason for absence during this period.

Health & Safety –BC enquired as to how often the grit bin was filled, GC advised that they were filled regularly during icy periods and the school can request additional re-fills whenever necessary.

GC advised that Health and Safety is a standing agenda item at staff meetings and that the school is reviewing its record keeping processes.

Department Matters – the working time agreement was explained in detail by GC and discussed.

BC thanked GC for his report.

6. SAFEGUARDING MATTERS

There are none to report

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Following an Education Council meeting, JB wanted to know who updates the school website and how often it is reviewed, GC confirmed that he updates the website.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting: Tuesday 10th October at 17.30

The meeting closed at 19.15

Read and approved:

Date: