

BEECROFT PRIMARY SCHOOL FULL GOVERNING BODY MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held in school on Wednesday 20 March 2024 at 3.00pm.

PRESENT: Steve Harris (Chair) June Turner (Headteacher)
Steven Campbell John Liversedge
Pat Gradys Sue Rushton
Farahnaz Hussain Qari Qasim
Sarah Lord

IN ATTENDANCE: Amanda Jahdi (Clerk, Governor Support Service)
Nicola Brown (Deputy Headteacher)
Emma Stuart – Foundation Stage Leader

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| 1.00 | PUPIL VOICE (additional item) | |
| 1.01 | The Year 6 Enterprise group updated governors on their recent project. They received a start up fund from Virgin Money of £100 and were told they could make anything, so they made trinkets such as bracelets to sell within school. They learnt a number of skills including; budgeting, marketing, buying resources, working as a team and how to compromise. After paying back the £100, they raised £160 and used the money to buy a 'pod' to sit on for each classroom and a quick cricket set. | |
| 2.00 | APOLOGIES | |
| 2.01 | Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Joanne Hazelgrave and Bobby Sharma. | |
| 3.00 | MEMBERSHIP MATTERS | |
| 3.01 | Farahnaz Hussain was welcomed to the governing board as a new parent governor. Bobby Sharma had also been re-elected parent governor. | |
| 3.02 | Co-option As John Liversedge's term of office had ended, he was nominated for another term of office. Resolved: that John Liversedge be re-elected for a further four years. | |
| 4.00 | DECLARATION OF INTERESTS | |
| 4.01 | There were no new declarations of interest. | |
| 5.00 | QUESTIONS ABOUT THE HEADTEACHER'S REPORT | |
| | The Headteacher's report had been circulated prior to the meeting and the following points were highlighted. | |
| 5.01 | Staffing It is currently very difficult to appoint high quality staff particularly teachers. Two new dinner supervisors have just been appointed and two positions are being covered on a temporary basis. A cleaner has also been appointed to cover two sickness absences. | |
| 5.02 | Attendance Average attendance was 97.6% and since the report was written, the percentage has increased. School continues to work with children whose attendance falls below 90% and panel meetings have been held | |

for six persistently absent children. The rate of absence nationally is 22%.

5.03 Music

In addition to the activities listed in the report, KS2 will be putting on a performance of Music in the Hall on 28 March.

5.04 Play therapy

Play therapy will continue but Place2Be might end. The expense makes it difficult to sustain and it could be covered internally.

5.05 Community

The family lunch at the beginning of February was very successful. The number of families attending meant there had to be four sittings and it was very celebratory.

5.06 Extra curricula clubs

The free extracurricular clubs were listed for governors' information. The wide range of clubs are very popular and sport is particularly successful. Beecroft is top of the central football league and is through to the semi finals of the league. Behaviour at matches is exemplary.

5.07 Questions were invited:

Q: have all age groups caught up after Covid?

Headteacher: In the current Year 6, some parents kept their children off school in 2021 when the school re-opened and have missed a lot of the curriculum. A lot of work is being done to catch up and their attitude to learning is very good, but it has been hard work.

Q: Is Year 6 ready for SATs?

Headteacher: Due to all the work needed to catch up, attainment will not be as good as in the past and there will be fewer children achieving greater depth.

Q: Can you explain what Mindmate is?

Headteacher: It is a scheme run by CAMHS which addresses the wellbeing of children, looking at different aspects of growing up and managing emotions.

6.00 OFSTED INSPECTION REPORT (November 2023 and published January 2024) - Outcomes and Way Forward

6.01 The Ofsted report was outstanding in all 5 areas and there were no key issues. Any future work within the School Improvement Plan is to consolidate already outstanding practice identified by Ofsted. The Ofsted Report, with the equivalent summary from the SEF and school improvement priorities had been circulated to governors prior to the meeting. A report on the quality of education had also been circulated for governors' information.

The Headteacher went through the report with the main elements being:

- The Fundamental Principles Plan
- Process plans for each subject
- Core subjects

- Using research from the Education Endowment Fund research
- Coaching culture
- Leadership stability.

6.02 A governor asked if the final column in the report showing the school improvement priorities matched the priorities in the School Development Plan, and if timescales had been included. The Headteacher explained that the School Development Plan was cyclical and is reiterative apart from any new areas for development which are identified through monitoring or new guidance from the DfE, for example, new reports on behaviour. Each subject has its own action plan. Nothing will change fundamentally but areas might be tweaked. In addition, staff development is on-going.

Governors extended their congratulations to staff on the exceptional Ofsted Report.

7.00 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

7.01 **Resolved:**

- That the minutes of the meeting held on the 21 November 2023 be agreed as a correct record
- That the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes.

8.00 **REVIEW ACTIONS AND MATTERS ARISING**

8.01 Minute 3.01 - Membership matters

This item was reported on in minute 3.01 above.

There were no other matters arising or actions that did not appear on the agenda.

9.00 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

9.01 Resources Committee

The Chair reported that following the meeting on 31 January 2024, the finances were still in a good position. There is some money that needs to be spent before year end and governors have been discussing options to improve the school site. One suggestion had been the installation of a MUGA which had been on the original school plans. However, having investigated, it would not be feasible. Another option being considered in solar panels.

The following were confirmed:

- Schools financial value standard has been approved and submitted
- Report from annual inspection of premises has been received
- Data protection policy has been approved
- Freedom of information policy has been approved
- Whistleblowing policy has been approved.

9.02 Pupil Support

The following were confirmed:

- SEND provision meets requirements and the SENCo is qualified
- School food and milk provided meets national standards
- Stakeholder feedback has been considered

- 9.03 Teaching and Learning
It was confirmed that Early Years provision meets statutory requirements.
- 10.00 SAFEGUARDING UPDATE**
10.01 N Brown informed governors that whole governing board safeguarding training has been booked before the start of the next governing board meeting on 19 June.
- 10.02 The Safeguarding Audit was completed on 28 February 2024. The audit was thorough, and the outcome was excellent with no areas for action.
- 11.00 REVIEW OF INFORMATION ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE**
11.01 The Headteacher reported that the website was compliant and it was double checked just before the recent Ofsted visit.
- 12.00 GOVERNOR OVERSIGHT OF SATS PROCESS**
12.01 The Headteacher informed governors that an external person will be checking the SATs process as usual, but governors were also welcome to attend the week commencing 13 May if they wished.
- 13.00 GOVERNOR DEVELOPMENT**
13.01 Safeguarding training for governors on Wednesday 19 June at 1.45pm before the governing board meeting.
- 14.00 CHAIR'S BUSINESS**
14.01 There was no Chair's business.
- 15.00 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**
15.01 There was no urgent business.
- 16.00 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**
16.01 The next governing board meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th June 2024 at 3pm

The Chair closed the meeting at 4.20pm

All



Steve Harris
26/6/24