

Governors Meeting Summary by Mrs Deborah Mercer (Parent Governor)

Wednesday 22nd May 2019

Membership of Board of Governors

It was unanimously agreed that Mrs Hemsell would continue in her role as Chair of Governors with Mr Hartley and Mrs Kean as joint Vice Chairs.

It was also agreed that 3 Parent Governors would be co-opted onto the Board to retain their valuable contributions and experience (as their children have/will soon be leaving the school), leaving 2 Parent Governors.

Strategic Direction

The SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) Evaluation Schedule was discussed as a framework, which is the foundation for all aspects of school life. There is already great work being done as well as areas in progress.

Accountability

Discussions have already been had with staff and governors regarding plans for a new and innovative approach to the curriculum, starting in September. There will also be changes to the structure of the school day (but NOT the start, finish or lunch break) by creating additional learning breaks to improve the health and wellbeing of staff and pupils. Budget monitoring is on going and there are continued efforts to fill our PAN (Planned Application Number) of 50, for 2019/20 and beyond. The new housing development underway will hopefully help.

The Governors also recognise that the school is very fortunate to have a committed and active PTFA who continue to work hard and put on lots of fundraising events every year. A working party has been set up to explore Grant Funding Opportunities, many of which are for large amounts of money but projects need to be new and of benefit to the school and local community.

People

The annual report for Maths was presented which highlights that the school continues to perform well in National tests, above the National Average in both KS1 and KS2. Going forward there are plans to introduce visual maths in KS1 to increase pupils confidence and understanding. Unfortunately there were many parents unable to attend the maths workshops last term. We discussed different ways of trying to engage parents and enable them to feel confident in supporting their children's maths work. We concluded that many of us would struggle with the Year 6 SATS paper!

Compliance

As part of the Health and Safety update, the accident reporting procedures were reviewed and Governors are satisfied there is a very effective process in place.

The following policies were also reviewed and agreed: School Behaviour, Pay Policy for Support Staff, Capability of Staff and Staff Grievance.

Additional Governor visit forms have been created, which can be completed on-line to improve efficiency and simplify recording of key learning and observations from visits.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 19th June 2019