

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ST MARGARET'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL LOCAL GOVERNING BODY
HELD ON FRIDAY 9TH JULY 2021
AT 9.30AM
VIA ZOOM**

Present: Rev Canon Ade Ademola (Chair) (AA)

Foundation Governors

Mr Hilton Idahosa (HI)
Mrs Adenike Sonuga (AS)
Mr Michael Lomotey (ML)
Miss Toni Bankole (TB)
Mr Alan Harris (AH)

Head of School

Ms Sophie Newman (SN)

Clerk to the Governors: Ms Alison Brown

Also present: Mrs Beverley Hall (BH), Chief Executive Officer, Mr Amir Lemouchi (AL) Executive Principal and Mrs Elaine McDonald James (EMJ), Chief Operations Officer, Genesis Education Trust

Summary of agreements and actions:

Minute reference	Formal agreements and/or actions identified	Named person(s) for action(s) identified	Completion date
5.1.6	Share the Dance video from young performers with the LGB	AB	End of term
5.1.7	Share the art exhibition video	AB	End of Term
5.1.10	Thanks to be given to all staff from the LGB	SN	End of Term
5.10.1	Explore online Saturday/ Easter school	SN/AL	Autumn Term

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1.1 AA welcomed all and opened the meeting with a prayer
- 1.2 The Clerk confirmed that the meeting was quorate.
- 1.3 Apologies were received from Alisha Anderson
- 1.4 EMJ noted an additional point of business to be discussed

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 2.1 There were no declarations made pertaining to any of the agenda items for this meeting.

3. GOVERNING BODY

- 3.1 The Clerk confirmed that there were currently no vacancies.

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3.2 The re-appointment of Hilton Idahosa and Alisha Anderson was agreed and would be sent to the GET board for ratification

4. MINUTES

4.1 Governors received the minutes of the governing board meeting held on 11th March 2021 and agreed these to be an accurate record of the meeting.

5. SCHOOL ITEMS

5.1 Headteacher Report

Governors acknowledged receipt of this item

5.1.1 SN explained that since the last LGB meeting the children had fully returned to school and had settled in well, a focus had been on mental health with SLT on hand to deal with any issues that had arisen during lockdown.

Question: How has the mental and emotional health of pupils been?

Answer: there has been far less issues than expected after such a long time, there has been a constant communication between the school and families to ensure this during lockdown

The majority of children had settled back into school well, it was felt that this was due, in part to the high level of communication throughout lockdown and the school continuing to be open to all vulnerable children as well as key workers

5.1.2 The school was focussing on the lost learning and speech and language issues from lockdown, with skills based knowledge rich planning in place to close the gaps in learning . The nature of online learning was discussed with it being noted that the children had not had as much writing practise so this was an opportunity, the school were confident that the gaps would be closed

5.1.3 It was noted that there was 1 child who had not returned to school, due to them being abroad, work was being set and regular contact was had between the parents and the school

5.1.4 It was noted that the report stated that there had been no positive covid cases within the school which was accurate at the time of writing but that 1 positive case of a staff member had been reported the morning of the meeting. The school had contacted all those who had been in contact with them and emphasised the importance of following the risk assessment to all staff.

5.1.5 The phonics assessment had a pass rate of 93% which SN stated the school was very pleased with, those who had not achieved the pass mark would be the focus of interventions for the remainder of the term and into next year

5.1.6 AL stated that due to the lockdown the children had missed out on enriching experiences therefore these would be focused on alongside the curriculum to allow for a wide breadth of experiences to be provided including cycle proficiency, trips to the forest school at St Saviours and the art festival. Year 6 would be missing out on the residential trip but a sleepover film night had been arranged to allow them a night away from home to

encourage independence before the move to secondary school. It was noted that a rigorous risk assessment was in place for all additional activities.

ACTION: SHARE THE ART EXHIBITION VIDEO

5.1.7 The young performers programme was discussed, this programme had been launched with an assembly and focuses on the individual's ability to transform something in the local community or globally. The children were excited to be taking part in this and it was hoped this would lead them to be lifelong learners and have the confidence to achieve.

ACTION: SHARE THE DANCE VIDEO

5.1.8 A discussion was had on the schools computing programme with Year 5 pupils having made moon buggies using the 3D printer and the VR headsets were being used allowing children a richer immersive experience.

Question: How is the aim to make a specialist centre for computing progressing?

Answer: Due to covid there has not been as much progress as hoped for but this would be a focus for the autumn term

It was noted the school had a number of programmes including tinker pad, CAD and faraday and it was felt that the school was able to offer a far richer curriculum than most primaries and some secondaries.

5.1.9 A discussion was held on the possible covid measures that may be on place in September with BH stating that a number of plans had been made to cover all eventualities but that the schools would be lead by the government advice which was currently that there would be a return to normality but that additional cleaning and ventilation would still be in place. The end to isolation for under 18's and double vaccinated adults was welcomed but there are a number of staff unvaccinated so this would still need to be managed.

5.1.10 AA thanked SN for her report and asked for thanks to be passed on to the staff for all their work over the last year

ACTION: THANKS TO STAFF

5.2 SDP Review

Governors acknowledged receipt of this item

5.2.1 A discussion was had on the way worship had been managed during the lockdown and social distance measures with AL stating that this had been kept up using video links and daily worship in class each morning allowing those in or out of school to still be part of it. It was noted that although this had been successful, staff and pupils were looking forward to being able to congregate together in the hall once more.

5.2.2 The RE curriculum was discussed with it being noted that there had been a focus on planning to allow a richer and more complex knowledge base. All aspects of the curriculum were planned to allow critical thinking and to encourage independent minds while guiding them to make the correct choices.

5.2.3 It was noted that the SDP's had been successfully implemented with only a small number of points not fully completed, AA thanked leadership for their dedication during a particularly difficult year.

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5.3 Meeting planner of Dates

Governors acknowledged receipt of this item

5.4 Term Dates 22-23

Governors acknowledged receipt of this item

5.5 Term Dates 23-24

Governors acknowledged receipt of this item

5.6 Governance statement for website

Governors acknowledged receipt of this item

5.7 ALP Report

Governors acknowledged receipt of this item

5.7.1 A discussion was had on the introduction of the ALP programme with BH noting that this had been a huge success so far in developing leaders in line with the schools vision. There was 1 ALP already at the school with another due to start in September. AL noted that the level and numbers coming through when this role was advertised had surpassed expectations and it was a very competitive recruitment process in place to allow the school to recruit the very best candidate.

5.8 EYFS curriculum report

Governors acknowledged receipt of this item

5.8.1 A discussion was had on the new EYFS curriculum with BH noting that the early years were so important to the schools vision of training up the child, there had been a number of changes due to be implemented in September and that the school was currently developing new assessment process with a lot of work currently taking place to ensure this was implemented successfully in the Autumn term.

5.9 Admission Report

Governors acknowledged receipt of this item

5.9.1 The closure of the nursery was discussed with SN noting that the fall in numbers there followed the trend across the borough with families moving over to full time nursery provisions to allow them the flexibility they require. It was noted that st saviours and st marys had a private nursery on site which would be worth looking into in the future as this brought in not only an additional income stream but the children from the nurseries tended to apply to the schools.

5.9.2 It was noted that some families in the area were being affected by the changing demographics and were moving out of the borough. New builds were going up locally and plans were in place to promote the school to these new members of the community.

5.9.3 It was noted that it was important for the school to maintain its church ethos with the changes to the local community to ensure all new pupils were a part of the schools christian vision.

5.10 Pupil Premium Report

Governors acknowledged receipt of this item

5.10.1 A discussion on the schools Saturday school offer was had with SN stating that the offer was open to all year 5 students as it was felt that year had been significantly affected by the lockdowns, this was extended to year 6 in order to accelerate their progress ahead of the move to secondary in the autumn term. Each session was run by a member of SLT and was proving to be a successful and popular part of the schools offer.

Question: Would you consider online sessions to make this more accessible?

Answer: Absolutely this is something we can look into, we have been keen to have them in person since restrictions were lifted but it would be a good way to open it up to a larger cohort

ACTION: Look into how to develop online saturday/easter school

5.11 Sport Premium Report
Governors acknowledged receipt of this item

6. POLICIES

Governors ratified the following Policies:

Anti Bullying
After School Club
Looked after children
Medicines in school
MFL
Music
Sharps
Coaching POP
Emergency School Closure
Staff Handbook
New Governor Induction
TOIL

7. DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

7.1 Date of next meeting-TBC

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 EMJ noted that the school had been successful in its appeal for the CIF bid to complete the roof refurbishment, she also stated that the bid to upgrade the security and safeguarding on site had been successful as had the bid to upf-garde the building further. In total the school had been successful in over a million pounds in funding through CIF bids allowing for fantastic upgrades to be completed for the children

8.2 It was noted that the recent tribunal appeal by an ex member of staff had not been upheld and that this was the final recourse and as such there would not be any further appeals from them.

8.3 Confidential item

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The meeting closed at 11.00am.

Chair: ...Canon Ade Ademola.....
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Date: ...25/11/21.....

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