

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ST MARGARET'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL LOCAL GOVERNING BODY
HELD ON THURSDAY 24th MARCH 2022
AT 9.30AM
VIA ZOOM**

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

Foundation Governors

Mrs Alisha Anderson
Mr Michael Lomotey (ML)
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

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 Hilton Idahosa and Toni Bankole
- 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 Mr Alan Harris and Mrs Adenike Sonagu terms of office were coming to an end and elections would take place for a parent governor and a staff governor

4. MINUTES

- 4.1 Governors received the minutes of the governing board meeting held on 25th November 2021 and agreed these to be an accurate record of the meeting.

5. SCHOOL ITEMS

- 5.1 Headteacher Report

Chair's Initials: AA

5.1.1 SB stated a recent teaching and learning review had taken place with positive feedback having been received. Across the board there was good teaching with some outstanding. The review had not raised anything the school was not aware of and they would continue to work on current practices.

5.1.2 The Saturday school was still running with a good uptake for years 1, 2 and 6, this was targeted at those who do not attend daily booster classes and has proven to have a positive impact on practice tasks.

Question: What is the focus for the summer term?

Answer: We will be focusing on consistency, coaching plans are in place for those who need it and we are ensuring any pockets of learning not yet caught up on are consolidated

5.1.3 Staffing was stable with 2 ECT's currently in role. An agency SENDCO had been in place but this had not worked out as hoped and an internal member of staff had expressed an interest in the role and would be beginning training shortly. 1 member of staff was due to leave at Easter.

Question: Has there been a difficulty in getting a sendco?

Answer: Yes it is always a difficult role to fill as it needs an experienced teacher with a deep understanding of both teaching and learning and classroom best practice. We are lucky to have an experienced member of staff who is interested in the role that we can provide training for to ensure the best for the pupils across the trust.

5.1.4 A Deputy headteacher position was being advertised with interviews due to take place after the Easter break. The development of leadership was a focus to ensure the values and visions of senior members of staff aligned with the school's vision and values. CPD takes place every 2-3 weeks and each member of SL have their own accountabilities

5.1.5 A successful parents evening had taken place in person with the pupils fundraising at this for Ukraine with over £400 having being raised

5.1.6 The Young Transformers programme was continuing to be led by the Accelerated leaders to celebrate and acknowledge work in the community with a public service day taking place and visits from the Police, NHS and London Buses to allow pupils to learn about public service careers. An enterprise event is being planned to take place during the summer term as well as the summer project on the plight of refugees and how we can support them. The aim of this project is to look at how we can support refugees via fundraisers and to ensure our pupils are informed and knowledgeable on refugees and different cultures.

5.1.7 There were currently 0 covid cases in school with 2 pupils having just returned from isolation. Attendance was at 96% and there had been an improvement in lateness since the roadworks outside the school had been completed.

5.1.7 There are currently 1 child on a behaviour plan, 2 on a child protection plan, children in need and 13 with social workers. there had been 0 incidents of bullying, racism or harmful sexual behaviour.

5.2 SDP Review

Governors acknowledged receipt of this item

5.3 Pupil Premium Review

Chair's Initials: AA

Governors acknowledged receipt of this item

5.4 Sports Premium Review

Governors acknowledged receipt of this item

5.5 SEND Report

Governors acknowledged receipt of this item

5.5.1 SB explained that 4 TA's have had training around speech and language as this is a particularly difficult area for KS1 having missed out on basic skills during the pandemic. One TA at a time will work with pupils but having more trained allows for greater coverage

Question: Are all staff trained to follow safeguarding procedures, particularly with SEND pupils?

Answer: All staff receive training on safeguarding, KCSIE and HSB at the beginning of each year which is built on with regular updates throughout the year. All members of sft do advanced DSL training and EHC plans are constantly reviewed to ensure the needs of both the pupils and staff are met.

5.6 EYFS Report

Governors acknowledged receipt of this item

5.7 Maths Report

Governors acknowledged receipt of this item

5.8 Geography report

Governors acknowledged receipt of this item

5.9 Science Report

Governors acknowledged receipt of this item

5.10 Progression Maps

Governors acknowledged receipt of this item

5.10.1 AL explained that the purpose of these maps was to give all a snapshot of the joined up learning across the year groups and how that learning is built on each year. The teachers revisit learning based on assessment and judgement and it is constantly checked to ensure understanding.

Question: are these reviewed and changed at any stage?

Answer: When the curriculum is update these are also adapted and any changes necessary are made

6. POLICIES

Governors ratified the following Policies:

Curriculum Policy
Extremism and Radicalisation
Marking and Presentation
Business Continuity Plan
RE
Exclusion of Pupils
Complaints Policy

Chair's Initials: AA

7. DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

7.1 Date of next meeting-8/7/22

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Governors agreed to the upcoming residential trip

The meeting closed at 11.00am.

Chair:Canon Ade Ademola..... (print)

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Date: 14/07/2022.....

Chair's Initials: AA
