



Yewstock School

Full Governing Board Meeting

Monday 24th of April 2023

Meeting started at 5.00pm

Clive Padgett, Pete Lagden, Peter Bush, Phil Ryall, Lucy Ross, Seonaid Walton, Mandy Morgan, Mark Hughes & Jeanette Rogers

Also present – Chris Chadwick

Clerk

Vanessa Burton

Apologies

Linda Caride & Sue Lauterwasser

Governor Training with Lyn Gadreau began. LG delivered a power point presentation on the Governor's role in effective school staff evaluation and strategic planning. This prompted various discussions throughout the session.

PL welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated all on a fantastic Ofsted Inspection. He went on to say that the atmosphere was excellent and that it was a joy to be associated with the school. CP added that he really appreciated all the Governor support and thanked all for coming in. He went on to say that this was a clear indication to the inspector that Yewstock was very well supported by its Governing Board.

Minutes of the last Meeting

PL confirmed that everyone had read the minutes and that there were no outstanding actions.

Agreed as a true copy and signed off.

Report from the Finance Committee

- The finance committee met on the 27th of March and received a premises update
- A health & safety audit was carried out across both sites and the result was very good overall with the exception of a few minor issues that have since been addressed.
- Bryan Trim presented a Best Value in relation to Absence Insurance. Premiums, along with everything else, have gone up but BT advised that the school's current provider remained the cheapest whilst still delivering the same level of cover.
- Budget – BT informed the committee that there had been an increase to the budget which was helpful in the current financial climate and the school remains in a strong financial position. This may not be the case in subsequent years and so careful future financial planning will be needed.

- Policies – These were looked at by the committee and ratified and agreed to go forward to FGB.

Report from the Curriculum Committee

- The committee had received 3 Subject Leader Reports as follows;
 1. Mandy Marks for English (In person)
 2. Rebecca Sedgwick for Reading
 3. Jules Daulby for Communication
- CP gave the committee updates on the Curriculum following the Ofsted Inspection.
- Feedback from Ofsted had been overwhelmingly positive and there were no significant changes needed.

Head teacher's Report to Governors

CP confirmed that everyone had seen a copy of his report prior to the meeting. He said due to the earlier training he would highlight the key points.

- Attendance – CP explained that he keeps a close eye on this and prior to the Ofsted Inspection, had felt it could be seen as a weak area. Attendance currently stands at 91% which is below the aspirational figure of 94%. However, Ofsted looked at the Non-Attenders and were happy that the school had done everything they could to get them back in the classroom.
- Request for Flexible Working – CP informed the board that a member of staff, wished to reduce her days from 3 to 2. CP asked the board to support his decision to grant this request.

All board members agreed.

- Recruitment – Interviews will take place this Friday (28th) for Jacqui Minton and Bryan Trim's positions. There are some very strong candidates for both roles who have had previous experience of working in schools. This should enable a seamless transition.
- Ofsted – CP said that he still has not received the official Ofsted report and that there will likely be delay due to Ofsted Administrative staff. CP has a press release ready to go when the report is received and will notify parents.

CP concluded his Heads Report by saying that it had been really good to come back last week after the Easter Break and that it all felt very relaxed and the pupils were very settled with a good learning focus.

Policies

Finance, Personnel & Environment

Confidentiality
 Provider Access
 Working from Home

Curriculum

Assessment Feedback & Marking
 Collective Worship
 Ensuring a Good Education

All Adopted

AOB

CC – Staff training on Thursday is related to Maths and Link Governors are welcome. CP added that Governors are always welcome to attend any training particularly if it is linked to the SDP or a School Development priority.

MM – asked if anyone would like to donate some money for a farewell present for Bryan Trim. MM is happy to collect money and organise.

CP – Informed Governors that there were 2 strike days coming up. This coming Thursday and the following Tuesday.

Meeting closed at 6.40pm

Signed as a true copy..... Date.....