



FGB Meeting 10 July 2024 Part One - Minutes

Present:

Victoria Abbott (VA)	Adam Boshoff (ACB)
Amy Betterton (AB)	Kyra Mumford (KM)
Tim Hingston (TH)	Ben Cross (BC)
Lucy Smith (LS)	Aaron Twaits (AaT)

In attendance:

Pam Langridge (Clerk)
Carolynne Ballard (Bursar)

Welcome & Apologies

Received and accepted from Tom Crees, Kerry Dixon and Nigel Freeman.
Business interests unchanged and declared.

Constitution

There are no vacancies to report.

Approval of Minutes

Approved

Learning Partners Trust / GLP Update

Governors were advised the new lease and rent rates for the school premises are under review by the Church. Once a decision has been made the information will be put in front of the Trustees of the LPT mid September.

Governors were advised that should a decision to join the academy not be forthcoming Moss Lane could join as an associate member and enjoy the services we currently have access to at an agreed price tier.

Governors noted the rigour the school has been under during the LPT journey and additional workload.

Governors were advised the GLP had met with various academies and leaning towards joining TAMAT as most flexible with opportunity of joining as a hub.

Governors asked if joining LPT is delayed will work for School Business Manager be increased.

Chairs Update

Chair handed over to School Business Manager for Update.

Governors were advised that pupil numbers for September intake in Year R are lower than anticipated. Budget forecast based on 161 children on role. Likely to be 155 which has a significant implication.



With the anticipation of joining LPT, school have not bought into supply cover insurance.

There is a recognised additional need in the in new Year R cohort which will require LSA support ahead of EHCP's being awarded. School fund the initial £6k cost per child.

The culmination of these factors has resulted in the decision to put the Year R refurb on hold so that finances can be put aside for the increased LSA costings.

Instead the works will be undertaken in Year R on a piece meal basis as funds allow. Capital funding is still available to facilitate this.

Governors agreed to spend on an awning for the Den to ensure not too hot in summer months and to remove blinds in line with Safeguarding.

FGB dates and annual work planner circulated and agreed for 2024/2025.

Chair reported attending LPT meeting which had a variety of speakers and workshops.

GLP AGM attended. A useful discussion around use of smart phones in school asking schools to support a no smart phone decision which would in turn reduce peer pressure. It was noted this might reduce independence of year 6 children allowed to travel to and from school independently. No decision was reached. Currently not a concern for Moss Lane as an Infant School.

Head Teacher Update

Governors were advised Carole Pearce had undertaken a visit to review SDP, school data / SEFF. Report received and colour coded green in most areas. Positive outcome.

Carole will visit again next year termly and a fourth annual review visit.

Governors noted pupil numbers are lower than anticipated. Feedback seems to be around provision of wrap around care. There are also surplus school places in Surrey this year allowing a greater amount of choice for parent.

Governors asked could Moss Lane provide wrap around care to become more attractive to working families and were advised that due to the restrictions on space this was not possible as would impact after school club provision and opportunities for lettings. The breakfast club will continue to be out sourced to Koosa.

TH suggested researching what provision competitor infant schools have on offer.

AaT asked how do we identify how many parents chose an alternative school based on wrap around care provision.



KM asked if details of breakfast club and Koosa could be elevated on the school website going forward.

HT reported SATs results, Phonics screening, progress data and attainment data all positive. Pleasing results. Moss Lane are in top 20%. Well done.

Governors noted currently 7 ECHP's with 12 forecast.

Governors were advised that there appeared to be less financial support with the new funding bands than previously when hours of support were allocated.

BC asked what provision would be made for the squeezed middle with a focus on high attainment and SEND need.

It was recognised that despite the additional demands, school data demonstrates no detriment to progress or attainment in pupils, and as such teachers should be praised for adaptability and delivering outcomes in less than perfect conditions.

Governors noted that the focus on Reading has had an implication on writing data, which is in line with national data trends.

Attendance

Governors were sign posted to new DofE guidance which is attendance focused and introduces a system of fining. It's unclear how this will be implemented and managed.

Governor Strategic Lead Update

BC reported on successful Woodland School visit where children enjoyed the learning and environment. Governors discussed options of school providing transport to the venue but understand costs are prohibitive.

BC asked about the SEND provision in LPT and how that would support Moss Lane. It appears there is no central function despite demand. It would be good to understand plans for the future.

TH had a successful visit to History & Geography Curriculum lead. Evidenced long term and medium term planning. Thanked staff for facilitating.

ACB recent H&S visit reported the school was overall in good shape. A list of minor maintenance jobs are building which need to be outsourced.

It was noted that alarms in The Den and Nest need to be reviewed so there is an alert to fire / intruder alarm and an opportunity to raise an alarm as required. Fire alarms have now been installed.

Governor Action List

There are no outstanding governor actions



Safeguarding

Referenced in HT report

Well Being

Nothing raised

Policies

Admissions policy to be circulated for ratification.

Confidential Items

None

Dates of Future Meetings

11 September – Business Meeting

13 November – Resources

5 February – Children & Learning

5 March – Finance committee meeting

30 April – Children & Learning

18 June – Resources

9 July – Children & Learning

Governors thanked all school staff for their hard work and support during another busy year.

Governors thanked the PTA for their help in running another successful School Fete, despite the weather, raising a phenomenal £3K.