



FGB Meeting 5 February 2025 Part One - Minutes

Present:

Victoria Abbott (VA)	Ben Cross (BC)
Amy Betterton (AB)	Kyra Mumford (KM)
Tim Hingston (TH)	Lucy Smith (LS)
Aaron Twaits (AaT)	Tom Crees (TC)

In attendance:

Pam Langridge (Clerk)
Carolynne Ballard (SBM)

Welcome / Apologies / Declarations

Apologies received and accepted for NF and KD.
Business interest declarations unchanged.

Constitution

We currently have two vacancies. ACB back fill and TH will be stepping down due to a promotion at work at the end of the school year, or sooner if a replacement can be found.

1 x parent vacancy and 1 x Co-opt vacancy.

KM has placed adverts for the Co-opt vacancy and [will communicate with Year R parents in a more informal letter to try and generate some interest.](#)

Approval of Minutes

Approved.

GLP / Academy Update

Points to note:

- Learning Partners are no longer pursuing academisation with Moss Lane
- Parents have been updated
- Government have withdrawn funding for academisation
- Moss Lane are unable to pursue alternative opportunities until issue with land resolved
- KM to write to SCC to ask for clarification of position and reasoning behind decisions.

Governors unanimously agreed to 'close the door' on academisation. [During the discussion governors gave some challenge](#) and requested to be updated on the alternative provision arrangements that the school are investigating.

As a result Moss Lane remains a Founding member of the GLP.

Other schools within the GLP include Godalming Junior School; Busbridge Junior School, Chandler; Milford Infant School and Witley. It was noted that both Milford



and Witley are continuing to explore academisation routes whilst the other schools have agreed to halt proceedings.

Moss Lane will help build GLP back up and benefit from CPD, teacher training, aligned INSET days and partnership with local schools.

KM to diarise GLP meetings to attend to include AGM & Board.

Chair Update

Nothing to add.

Budget Update

CB circulated a copy of draft budget with advisory notes for governors to digest. It was noted that staffing is the biggest cost to the school and school will need to purchase staff insurance this year as an additional cost. Refurb of Year R toilets on hold. Costs of fencing being collated.

Governors discussed what could be done to increase future application numbers.

It was agreed a greater presence in the community and at events would be beneficial eg stall at Christmas market. It was agreed school should continue to invite local nurseries to visit to consolidate relations. An open morning was suggested as an alternative to parent tours. More communication about access to the school / Crown Court Car Park may be impactful.

It was noted that local school have low number of first choice applicants this year.

Governors were advised that the School Fund Accounts 2022 – 2023 have been independently reviewed.

Ofsted Outcomes

Governors congratulated the school on recent Ofsted report which was fair and included lots of positive comments and outcomes.

Head Teacher Update

Governors were advised that the significant and complex needs of a number of pupils has impacted current data which is lower than in previous years. **Governors queried if non-SEND children are achieving in line with expectations.**

Governors were advised that there have been a number of suspensions this term which have the potential to lead to permanent exclusion. Governors should be aware of appeals and complaints procedures.

Governors were advised half the outdoor playground equipment is no longer fit for purpose and needs to be removed and/or replaced. Cost can be recouped from Sports Premium Funding.

Governor Strategic Lead Updates

Finance – planning fencing, cost will come out of capital.

Premises – H&S report submitted.



Governors were reminded to book in termly visits in line with strategic lead responsibilities and to submit report afterwards.

Governor Action List

SDP – shared with governors

Attendance webinar – attended by HT and Senco, [Governors encouraged to undertake training.](#)

Governor vacancy has been advertised.

[Skills audit – KM to finalise.](#)

Letter to parents – actioned.

Policies

School Complaints Policy – ratified.

Confidential Items

None.

Dates of Future Meetings

29 April – C&L

18 June – Resources

8 July – C&L

please note these dates have been recently amended