



Governing Board of Bembridge CE Primary School Meeting held on Monday 10 October 2016 at 6 pm

Attendees

Alan Morris (Chair)	Co-opted Governor
Anna Wood	Foundation Governor
Gordon Kendall	Co-opted Governor
Sandra Groocock	Headteacher
Lindsey Stapeley	Staff Governor
Susie Simmonds	Foundation Governor
Ann McVicar	Co-opted Governor
Ben Wightwick	Parent Governor
Barbara Clough	Local Authority Governor
Vacancy	Parent Governor

1. Apologies

Amanda Bloor	Ex-Officio Governor
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2. Register of Pecuniary Interests

All governors completed new pecuniary interest forms with governors being reminded that they need to complete new forms if there are any changes in their circumstances. In addition governors will be asked at the beginning of each meeting if there are any agenda items where they might have a pecuniary interest.

3. Election of Chair and New Governors

3.1 Election of Chair

Proposal was made by Gordon Kendall and seconded by Ben Wightwick, that Alan Morris should continue as chair of governors for a further two years. During this two years further progression work will be carried out with governors for a new chair.

3.2 New Governors

There has been a good response to the vacancy for a new parent governor and it is likely that an election might have to take place. The applicants will be asked to produce a brief report on why they would like to be a parent governor and what they will bring to the governing body. In addition The Chair and Clerk will meet with each applicant to ensure they understand the responsibilities of the role. In addition we have two vacancies for co-opted governors and the FGB agreed that, if one of the applicants met the requirements to be a co-opted governor, then the opportunity would be taken to fill one of the co-opted vacancies.

Action: Barbara will obtain the name from Ann McVicar of another possible co-opted governor and pass this onto Alan.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

4.1 Accuracy

Agreed

4.2 Matters Arising

Diocese Legacy – the diocese are looking into how they can make the interest from this

legacy available to the school.

5. Feedback from the Executive Meeting

Finance monitoring had been circulated which shows that the budget is on track. The projection is for a £50k in year deficit however the budget will be in credit as we had a good carry forward at the start of the year. There is a substantial budget included for upgrading ICT equipment and this will be done. Discussion on the budget for the next financial year will be started at the next Executive meeting.

It had been agreed that the election for the Executive committee would wait until the next meeting when we have the new governors however the Chair asked for permission for Amanda Bloor to join this committee. Previously the Ex-Officio Governor has always been part of the Executive and it was felt this should continue as we are a church school. This was agreed unanimously.

6. Headteacher's Report

- 193 children are on the roll and of these 2 are Looked After Children.
- We have no children on an Education Health Care Plan however there is a likelihood that there will be one.
- There are 18 SEND
- Attendance is at 96.8% which is good.
- Update given on staffing
- SEN Teaching Assistant now focusing on pupil premium children.
- EYFS – above national average with good results.
- Year 1 Phonic screening showed results of 87% against the national average of 81%. The results have increased year on year since 2012.
- Year 2 Phonic screening showed results of 100%
- The 2016 key stage 1 assessments are the first which assess the new, more challenging national curriculum. The expected standard has also been raised to be higher than the old level 2. As a result, figures are not comparable to those for earlier years. The new expected standards were designed to be broadly similar but are not equivalent to an old level 2b.
- All groups demonstrate excellent attainment.
- There is no significant difference in gender at the expected standard although girls outperform boys at greater depth in all 3 areas, and in particular writing. This reflects the national difference with the exception of maths where our girls perform better.
- Our Pupil Premium children perform less well but not significantly.
- Governor asked if this was an above average cohort and the headteacher said that it was an average cohort. The aim now will be to show the improvement over the next four years.
- Governor asked about the pupil premium results of 50% - it was explained this was only 2 children one of whom was achieving well.
- Year 6 – this was the first year of the more challenging national curriculum the results were all good with the exception of reading. There were 28 children with 5 SEN (1 pupil with EHCP) and 7 pupil premium. The reading results were below the local and national average and this was unexpected as the teaching assessment had been 80%. The Headteacher had carried out a detailed analysis of the papers and identified that many pupils did not complete the test or had insufficient time to fully answer questions on the final text. There was some lack of understanding of the meaning of some questions and the test materials were constructed in a way that pupils have not been used to. Pupils were not sufficiently fluent to read with stamina and sufficiently resourceful, resilient

and independent.

- Governors asked if there was sufficient testing between KS1 and 2 to ensure that pupils were ready for the test and the headteacher confirmed that the children are regularly assessed and tested. Staff member confirmed that Yr 6 do have regular timed tests however this may need to be factored into the lower age groups. The following measures will be put in place to ensure children achieve their full potential in future. Staff will focus on the understanding of language and vocabulary; teachers will be precise on what they are expecting from the pupils when answering questions; pupils will be enabled to be fluent and resilient readers and used to the quantity and complexity of the texts in the new test in particular the number of questions in the time allocated. Staff are receiving training on Effective Reading Strategies - HIAS – requires excellent subject and curriculum knowledge.
- Value Added measures – the headteacher explained about the change from expected progress measure and has been replaced by a value added measure. The floor standard is the minimum standard for pupil attainment and/or progress that schools are expected to meet. In 2016 the entire nation was below the floor standard of 65% with Bembridge achieving 54%.
- Key Priorities – SIP – the headteacher gave details of the 5 priorities for 2016 -17 and these are Assessment, English, Maths, EYFS and the new National Curriculum.
- EYFS – Early Years Teacher and Headteacher will attend a conference in December part of the focus of which will be on disadvantaged children and how they are helped to be ready for Year 1.
- LLP visit took place on 21 September and he went through the results with the headteacher and agreed the action proposed by her.

7. Policies

7.1 Missing Child Policy – Year 6 child left the school premises without permission and as a result of this additional height has been added to the fence near to the field.

7.2 Code of Conduct – this has been revised and considered by the Executive. It was proposed by Gordon Kendall and seconded by Anna Wood that the revised code of conduct is implemented.

8. Co-ordinator Reports

8.1 New version of the staff subject co-ordinators was circulated. It is hoped that governors will build on their knowledge by retaining the same responsibilities however the opportunity will be given at the next meeting to take on different responsibilities if a governor has a particular wish.

8.2 Health and Safety – Alan met with Tony Wright the school's H&S expert together with the School Business Manager who has responsibility for H&S. Following this SBM will update the H&S policy. The school will be audited by the IWC on 25 November.

9. Correspondence

Email has been received from the diocese inviting the headteacher and chair of governors to attend an update meeting at Carisbrooke CE Primary School.

10. Any Other Business

10.1 Academy Status - following the changes within the government there appears to be less emphasis on schools becoming academies however this will be kept to the forefront of governor planning and acted upon if it is felt it will be to the advantage of the school.

10.2 School Supplement within County Press - governor asked why the school had not featured within this supplement. Headteacher said that the reception class is full and it was not felt there would be any particular advantage in paying to be in this supplement at the present time. However every opportunity is taken to raise the profile of the school with Bembridge

10.3 10.4	being the first school to get the Bronze award from Sustrans. Discussion took place on the possibility of having a Facebook page and Ben will discuss this further with the headteacher. SATS – governor wanted it recorded that whilst the reading results for KS2 were not as good as had been hoped the other results were good and the staff needed to be congratulated for the hard work which had gone into this. All governors agreed with this. Executive Terms of Reference – these have been updated and governors were asked to make any comments before 14 November. If there are no comments these will be implemented.
11	Date of Next Meeting Monday 29 November 2016