

## Flushing Church of England Primary School Governing Body Meeting

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019, at 4pm, in the Dolphin Room

### MINUTES

**In attendance:** K Hughes, A Eva, L Hygate, H Dodd,  
A Stevenson, M French (Head), R Hurrell (Chair), S Mullins and L Beverley-Jones.

**Also present:** S Cade (for the first forty minutes) and  
C Saunders Martin (Clerk)

*The meeting commenced at 4.04pm.*

#### 1) Prayer

This was given by AS.

#### 2) Apologies

These were accepted from PT and ST (who may arrive late); KH is also expected to arrive late.

#### 3) Pecuniary interest registration (verbal declaration)

No new interests were declared.

#### 4) Items declared for any other business

There were no items for AOB.

#### 5) Minutes from the previous meeting *enclosed*

The minutes had previously been circulated and were approved by those present.

#### 6) Matters arising from the previous minutes

Nothing has come back about the money owed and DfE money is also static.  
Gym equipment has now been ordered. Some of the work has now been carried out.  
Chartwells have reported back that they have overcharged the school by £1,400.

#### 7) Simon Cade\* (life after no MAT)

This item was moved up the agenda, between 3 and 4. SC thanked the governors for all the work and care that had gone into the MAT decision. Getting the right strategic partnerships is important and there is no Diocesan policy dictating how this should be achieved. Support will be needed from somewhere other than the MAT to maintain standards.

*KH arrived at 4.15pm*

Recruiting to small Cornish maintained schools is not easy but succession planning needs to be borne in mind. Outsiders can be encouraged by the strength of the school.

There are not many maintained schools currently seeking to academise and Cornwall is at its lowest level since 2010. One governor asked what SC considered to the disadvantages of not joining a MAT; he said that it related to maintaining standards, succession planning and recruiting (the latter particularly at a more senior level). This could affect professional development and the inability to share good practice. It could also include the lack of access to external support. There is a growing body of evidence that can show that academies are good at raising standards but this is not enough to mean that joining a trust is the way to go. SC emphasised again that good partnerships were very important to success. SC was thanked for his help and for coming today. (SC left at 4.40pm)

#### 8) Budget 2019-20 (approve)

In a three year budget there is some conjecture. There could be some income which has not been included so the apparent deficit is not as bad as it may seem. Additionally, some of the expenditure may not continue for the three year period.

**9) Sue Frater/Head's visit**

It was noted that sometimes the adults were working harder than the children. Other points were made, which MF explained, as the report was not yet available.

**10)Coordinator Reports (Literacy)**

This had previously been circulated to all. AE and HD stated that it was all very positive with little pupil distraction.

**11)Provision 2019-20**

All seemed pleased with the way that the year groups were changing and felt that the effect on children's education was positive. Arrangements will be made to avoid having two drop off points.

**12)FGB Organisation 2019-20**

A finance committee will be needed. From September it was suggested that FGB meetings could continue twice a term with premises and finance and curriculum and staffing once a term; this was agreed.

**13)Term dates 2019-20**

It would be good to coordinate school INSET days with the college (although those dates could change). After consideration it was decided to allocate the following as INSET days: 27.9.19, 20.12.19, 6.1.20, 14.4.20 and 1.6.20.

**14)Governor inclusion/training**

LH is still training; no-one else had done anything.

**15)The Friends of Flushing School (verbal report)**

There was nothing to report.

**16)Any other business**

There was nothing under this heading.

**17)Confidential**

There was nothing under this heading.

**18) Date of next meeting**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm

The meeting ended at 5.45pm.

*These minutes are a true record of the meeting held*

*Signed..... Dated.....*