

SOUTH HILL SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Minutes of a Meeting held on 15 March 2021 via Google Meet

Present: Mr H Peters (Chair) Mrs B O'Dell
Miss L Wren (Co-Headteacher) Mrs C Peters
Miss J Wellbelove (Co-Headteacher) Mrs K Stewart
Mrs K Albery Mrs H Yendell
Mrs K Chafer

In attendance: Mr A Pennycook (Clerk to the Governing Body)
Miss R Van Komen (for items 1 – 4)

	ACTION
<p>1. Governors noted the need to declare any conflict of interest that arose in the course of the meeting.</p> <p>2. Apologies for absence Approval was given to the absence of Ms G May. (Mr Crawshaw had previously been excused attendance.)</p> <p>3. Notification of Any Other Business None</p> <p>4. Assessment for Learning Rachel Van Komen gave a presentation on the above topic (copy in the meeting folder). She outlined how it was being introduced into the school, how staff were engaging with it and developing relevant strategies.</p> <p>She was thanked for her presentation and governors indicated that they would be interested in hearing from her again once the initiative was bedded-in.</p> <p>[Miss Van Komen left the meeting at this point.]</p> <p>5. Co-Headteachers' Report Documentation had been published in advance. <u>Discussion, comments and questions</u> included the following: 5.1. Closing the Gap: <u>governors queried whether intervention strategies would be directed only at lower ability pupils. Would there be a danger that higher ability learners would be overlooked?</u> The co-headteachers responded that while initial efforts would be directed at lower ability pupils the needs of others would not be forgotten. It was important for 'Quality First' teaching to become the norm at the school and this was the aim.</p>	

<p>5.2. EYFS: <i>governors suggested that the section in the SEF could be improved by more evaluative statements.</i> Mrs Yendell would liaise with Ms Sacco to make appropriate revisions.</p> <p>5.3. Premises Matters: although £30k had been put into the budget for installation of the computer suite the cost had been roughly half that. As a result, 30 Chrome Books had been purchased to add to the other computers. E-books were not yet in use, although plans were in place for their future introduction.</p> <p>6. Other Reports</p> <p>6.1. Link Governors:</p> <p>6.1.1. Safeguarding: a meeting was to be arranged later in the term in connection with the review to be undertaken by Mrs Yendell.</p> <p>6.1.2. Data: a very full report had been uploaded into the meeting folder. Additional comment and questions included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noticeable that some pupils had benefitted from learning at home and having more support from their parents. • Communication between teachers in different years was being improved. • Although SATs had been cancelled for 2021 the pupils were still being taught the relevant skills to ensure that they were prepared for the next stage of their education. • Governors commented that emotional development had been impaired by the disruption in schools as a result of the coronavirus restrictions. <p>6.2. HIP Spring Visit: the report was noted without comment. The co-headteachers indicated that all the actions and recommendations had been completed or were in hand.</p> <p>7. Approval of SFVS</p> <p>7.1. The documentation had been completed and was uploaded into the meeting folder. Additional comments and discussion included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nineteen teachers for only 14 classes was not sustainable in the long term. • Expectations of staff performance should be commensurate with their salary level. <p>7.2. The SFVS for 2021/21 was approved</p> <p>8. Education Endowment Federation (EEF).</p> <p>Mrs Yendell gave a short presentation (in the meeting folder) about the resources available from EEF and emphasised the importance of research in informing decisions.</p>	<p>HY</p>
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9. Arrangements for Future Meetings

9.1. A number of governors indicated that on-line meetings were more convenient as it made childcare arrangements easier, but they recognised that something like the Governors' Day was important so that governors had an opportunity to be visible to staff.

9.2. It was agreed that for the remainder of the current year meetings would continue to be on-line, and that the matter be further considered in the autumn.

10. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2021 were approved.

11. Actions from Previous Meetings

All had either been completed or were in hand.

12. Matters Arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda

None.

13. Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held on **Tuesday 25 May at 6.15pm.**