

Minutes of the Meeting of the Governing Body
Tuesday 19th March 2019 at 6.30pm

<u>Present:</u>	Mrs Gloria Reed	GR	Chair of Governors
	Mrs Ann Abineri	AA	Local Authority Governor
	Dr Valerie Ashton	VA	Parent Governor
	Ms Florence Blagden	FB	Co-opted Governor
	Mrs Ruth Holman	RH	Staff Governor
	Mrs Rebecca Mack	RM	Co-opted Governor
	Ms Sarah Moynihan	SM	Co-opted Governor
	Mr Simon Sykes	SS	Co-opted Governor
	Ms Rikke Waldau	RW	Head of Centre
	Rev Dr Roger Williams	RWi	Co-opted Governor
	Mrs Dawn Willis	DW	Co-opted Governor
	Mrs Rebecca Wylie	RWy	Parent Governor

In Attendance: Mrs Gwyneth Barton GB Clerk

1. **Welcome-** GR chaired the meeting. The meeting was quorate.
2. **Apologies-** Accepted from Carmile Trancoso-Gordon.
3. **Declaration of Interests-** There were no new declarations of interest.
4. **Open and Confidential Minutes of the Meeting of 5th February 2019-** The open and confidential minutes of the Governing Body meeting held on 5th February 2019 were confirmed as correct records.

All matters arising were covered on the agenda.

5. Update on Governing Body Membership- GR would be meeting shortly with a parent interested in becoming a parent governor. There were currently three vacancies in total, two for parent governors and one for a co-opted governor.

6. Head of Centre's Report- RW presented her report, which had been circulated with the agenda. Governors discussed the following points:

Progress- A calmer atmosphere was being established within the Centre, with more positive interactions and fewer incidents. Work was being informed by Anna Ephgrave's Planning in the Moment, a pared-back approach with fewer resources being set out by staff and adults responding more directly to children's interests.

SEND- RH had submitted requests for funding for known children with SEND who would be in the Centre from September 2019, five requiring full-time individual support and one part-time individual support. If all of these requests were successful, £32,000 would be received. The funding requests did not cover children with speech and language needs, of whom there would be at least 20 in September; or children who would be joining in September but were not yet known to the Centre.

Abbey Meadows- RW had received no update from Abbey Meadows on the school's academisation. FB reported that parents had been advised that Andrew Hutchinson, Executive Principal of the Cambridge Academic Partnership, would be retiring at the end of the school year. The Cambridge Academic Partnership would be joining a national academy chain, United Learning. Parents had not been consulted on this.

Data- RW tabled a paper comparing the percentages of children in the nursery school at or above age-related expectations by aspect in autumn 2018 and in spring 2019. Governors noted that progress was positive in all areas and that the overall average showed an increase from 66.23% to 74.66% at or above expectation.

Discussions with the local authority and budget proposals-

[This item is covered in more detail in the confidential minutes.]

7. Chair's Report- GR's many activities since the last meeting had been covered in the Head's report above.

8. Committee Reports/Policies

- a) **Finance and Personnel Working Party 28th February 2019-** Confidential minutes received and noted.
- b) **Safeguarding Meeting 13th March 2019-** The notes of this meeting would be brought to the next Governing Body meeting.
- c) **Health, Safety and Premises Committee Meeting 20th February 2019-** Received and noted.

9. Governor Visits- The report of the visit on Makaton and communication carried out by GR and DW was received and noted. GR and DW commented that they had been impressed by the many examples of positive communication that they had seen.

Governors reviewed the programme of visits for 2018/19 and noted that:

- RWy had carried out the visit on children's wellbeing – confidence and emotional support that morning and would bring her report to the next Governing Body meeting
- The visit by FB and RWy on imaginative play and open-ended resources in Cherry and Willow had been rearranged for 8.45am on Friday 29th March 2019.

10. Any Other Business- FB encouraged Governors to take part in the demonstration against school funding cuts to be held on Monday 1st April 2019, starting at 4.00pm at Reality Checkpoint on Parkers Piece.

11. Date of Next Meeting- The next meeting of the Governing Body would be held on **MONDAY** 29th April 2019 at 6.30pm at The Fields. AA gave her apologies for this meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.