

ASH CHURCH OF ENGLAND VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY
HELD ON MONDAY 10TH JULY 2017 AT 6.30 PM**

Present: Myriam Groessens (Chair) Niki Roberts (Headteacher)
Ed Lockington (Vice Chair) Vicky Griffin
Chris Worledge Barbara Gadd
David Gent Stephen Ives
Sue Ross Steve Whitehead
Andi Cooper-Chadwick

In Attendance: Linda Carlisle (Clerk)

The meeting opened at 6.45 pm and was quorate.

423 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Shirley Coulter.

424 Declarations and Conflicts of Interests

David Gent declared he was the local cleric under Item 7 – SIAMS Inspection

425 Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 22nd May 2017

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

426 Matters Arising from the Minutes

257 Quality Committee to adapt a model governor visits policy.

Action: Quality Committee

385 David Gent to forward to the Clerk minutes of School Performance Group of 16th January 2017 to go on the SLP.

Action: David Gent and Clerk

392 SENDCO to check SEND Policy for Quality Committee to approve for approval by the full governing body in September.

Action: Quality Committee

There will be changes to the policy as the criteria has changed for the SENDCO and changes in funding for children resident outside Somerset but returning to Somerset schools.

411 Governor vacancies advertised and on agenda.

Staff Governor letter circulated.

416 Church assemblies and SIAMS information added to website.

419 Governor training booklet 2017/2018 circulated to governors.

427 Any Matters of Urgency not already on the Agenda

There were no matters of urgency.

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428 Headteacher's Report

The headteacher gave a verbal update on school data.

KS2 SATs results had been received and information about comparative data for Somerset. With a small cohort each child equates to 8%. 80% targets for reading and maths achieved and higher levels did well with 25%.

Extra tuition has paid off and the results are very pleasing and comparable to similar schools. A full analysis will be given to the Governing Body in September.

KS1 are in line and figures to be given. Phonics has been checked and monitored in class due to teacher absence.

Year 2 had two retakes but with no improvement – this will be looked at further in the autumn.

GLD for EYFS is very good with no major concerns.

Q How were the SATs?

A We have moved on from last year and the children coped better with the experience of the tests and staff training and improved resources have helped.

Q What are the overall figures for expected or above for Reading, Writing and Maths combined?

A School 75% and National 61%.

429 SIAMS Feedback

It was stated the SIAMS inspection was to take place on Tuesday 11th July 2017 and a SIAMS pre-inspection plan and timetable for the day were circulated.

The inspector had requested to see the school SEF, Governing Body minutes, Headteacher's Reports, SIAMS toolkit and an Ofsted inspection report if within a year.

David Gent, Steve Whitehead and Myriam Groessens to be present for the inspection.

The following areas were discussed:

Church Distinctiveness

Evidence which comes from parents, staff and children will be important in this area.

Wellbeing supports the school ethos but evidence must be available.

Feedback from parents show they want the school to stay the same (see the questionnaire)

There are plans for provision and evaluation but evidence must be available.

There is an action to continue to create opportunities.

RE covered in the Christian character of the school area.

KS1 and 2 class observations to show Christian values.

Collective Worship – Work and planning completed and to develop monitoring.

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Leadership and Management – Governing Body minutes to be challenged.
Worship to go higher up the agenda and be more detailed in future.
Worship needs to be included in the headteacher's report.
A governors' learning walk covered the Dove ethos.
The Governing Body needs to evaluate effectiveness as a church school.
Staff and David Gent have attended courses in the last year.
Collaboration within the community is in place.
Governors to evaluate RE and assessments in future.
Feedback on the children has been received from the secondary schools but only verbal and not written.
Behavioural issues could relate to Christianity but the school and parents would not agree to this.
Ash is a VC school and not a VA school. The present school approach is right for children and parents.

430 and 431 Signing off of SDP 2016/2017 and Approval of SDP 2017/2018

To be discussed at the next meeting.

Action: Clerk

432 Co-opted Governor Vacancy

The Governing Body agreed to appoint Andi Cooper-Chadwick as a parent governor. Clerk to send application form.

Action: Clerk

There will be two co-opted governor vacancies and two applications had been received. The Governing Body voted in favour of Jack Parker as a co-opted governor and for Margaret Morgan to be invited to the school to meet the headteacher and chair.

Action: Clerk

Vicky Griffin had been elected unopposed as staff governor. Clerk to send application form.

Action: Clerk

AOB

Niki Roberts reported that County would no longer be funding SEPs and Chris Vincent would continue as the school SIP.

The Clerk asked for nominations and self nominations for chair and vice chair before the next meeting.

433 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 25th September 2017 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.