

River View Primary & Nursery School

Governors' Minutes Teaching & Learning

Date: Wednesday 15th March 2017

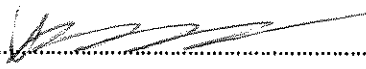
Present: H Cooper-Percival (Chair); K Stubbington; F Veli; M Whitehouse. S Wilkinson(taking minutes)

Apologies: D Buckingham; D Dickinson

		Action
1.	Welcome Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	Apologies D Buckingham; D Dickinson. Accepted	Resolved
3.	Acceptance of Apologies Accepted	Resolved
4.	Minutes of previous meeting: Correction to welcome remove one everyone. Accepted	SW Resolved
5.	Matters arising from previous minutes: 9. 6 th Form Reading Buddies from Paulet. Chair to Action	Chair
6.	Matters arising from monitoring visits Governor (KS) completed all Link visits by seeing Year 6 today (15.03.17) Chair commented: having read the Governor's Form all very positive, asked if staff relaxed during visit? HT's response after having many external visits staff more aware but relaxed. T Sutcliffe visited 10.03.17 (HT stated the decision to leave ASPIRE was the correct one but at the time ASPIRE was the best option). Discuss next meeting re the need for external advice, after ASPIRE contract finishes. HT explained present health issues. DB back in class (Year 5) PL had resigned. When taking T Sutcliffe on a walk around the school saw weak teaching in Year 4 which wasn't there before, no book marking, will be more 'Book Trawls' to make staff aware of importance of marking being up to date. HT had spoken to staff concerned. Governor asked: what if there had not been prior warning? Governor asked: who/what in place? HT: DB, Gallstones(2 weeks) , Hysterectomy (6weeks) may have to review plan if operation takes place September. No plan for DB to be in class 3 objectives: 1) Health 2) Cover (Middle Leaders out more) 3) NQT mentoring Governor asked do you have to have NQT's? HT Yes UPS are already in place. Governor questioned what is UPS? HT explained Government introduced some years ago, but at River View previous HT gave on service/other reasons, so expensive work force, therefore NQT's without Good Ofsted do not attract staff. Governor asked good chance with NQT's. HT: safety net if a failing NQT + another member of staff cause less disruption. KH leaving at Easter. PW will go to Nursery 2 days & VW go to Reception. Unfortunately do not insure TA's, not normally absent. Chair asked if could offer any support? HT: not at the moment ELT informed and speaking to others to make staff aware eg 14.03.17 not in working at home re disciplinary report (other employers investigating officers require training) will inform staff do not want staff thinking HT going elsewhere. Dr has given flexible fitnote. When dates confirmed will look at headteachers in the area to help support DB, but everyone busy. Governor questioned refer to same headteacher? HT: yes, CoG had been great support, need to make sure staff continue making progress not relax when HT absent. Governor visits/external visits staff accept without demur, better environment, asked Governor any problems on Link visit. Not all monitoring visits completed. Governor asked if any visits to make(new Governor)? HT to investigate. Governor stated request to meet English Lead. HT to arrange. Chair had more visits to make. HT said CM now works Thursdays if you would like to email.	HT HT/KS
7.	RaiseOnline HT: this had been validated, Dashboard better to look at, distributed Dashboard to Governors. Chair apologised not having prepared any questions.	

	HT: 2016, technically classed as coasting school which may raise questions. Governor questioned are addressing persistent absence? HT: FSM trying EWO attending Parents' Evening to see persistent absentees, Pupil Premium & Ever 6 addressed. Very difficult DB had offered various things eg free Breakfast Club and is working with EWO. HT/DB had been 'knocking on doors' in previous post was part of job to do this. Chair stated similar situation at Paulet. HT: FSM parents not supporting, DB has to produce figures we know where we should be, trying to improve. Governor suggested walking bus(TA's) HT would see DB, her village had walking bus with walking bus stops. Governor asked reaction of parents? HT some do not answer. Chair asked coasting? Maths/Writing stronger. HT 85% combined, will always be classed as coasting only 25% of children on track, next year no minus, intense interventions, Reading/Writing/Maths will be plus, progress may be below 85% but +2 +4 Chair stated measures starting point Governor asked percentage EAL? HT 35% EAL. Reading below worked to address this should be on track % or above if no change to goalposts. Chair asked re boys - disadvantaged? HT boys problem not on Development Plan but sits in the background and is mindful eg Year 4 boys are top heavy - makes interesting to be on Development Plan next year. Chair asked: DB clear intervention will show? HT boys always a problem, lazy, football, external agencies not too much to work on. Governor asked what proportion girls/boys? HT 56% boys 44% girls + 44% Summer birthdays Chair asked if any more questions?	
8.	Attainment Update HT Standardised testing on 20.03.17. SW to publish on website. Chair to put on the Agenda for next meeting, also DB to talk through progress. HT Assessment point should have better picture, should be near to targets if not why?	SW
9.	AOB HT invited Chair to join Year 6 on their visit to London, Wednesday 7th June 2017.	
	Meeting closed: 2.30 pm	
	Date of next meeting: Wednesday 14 th June, time 5.30 pm	

Min No	Action required	Who?	When	Action completed
4.	Correction to minutes of previous meeting	SW	15.03.17	15.03.17
5.	6 th form Reading Buddies from Paulet	Chair (HCP)		
6.	New Governor any visits?	HT	As soon as possible	
6.	Governor request to meet English Lead	HT/KS	As soon as possible	
8.	Standardised Testing- publish on website	SW	As soon as possible	

Signature:.....

Date: 27/6/17.....