

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BODY PERFORMANCE AND STANDARDS MEETING HELD TUESDAY 22ND JUNE 2021; COMMENCING AT 5.30 P.M. AT WHITESTONE INFANT SCHOOL, MAGYAR CRESCENT, NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

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Present : Mrs. N. Green, Mr. C. Atkins, Mr. M. Hartopp, Mr. P. Johnson, Mr. G. Friswell, Mr. S. Shaw, Mr. P. Stokes, Mrs. H. Lewis, Mrs. P. Jones, Mr. D. Robinson and Mrs. R. Warwick.

In Attendance : Miss. J. Ivers (Deputy Head), Mrs. L. Knox (School Business Manager) and Miss. G. Matt (Clerk).

Guest Speakers : Miss. Cusworth – “Review Online Performance and LIP”.
Mrs. P. Hill – “Relationship and Sex Education”.

In The Chair – Mr. M. Hartopp.

Whitestone is now closed outside normal school hours. The performance and standards committee meeting was held over “Microsoft Teams”. All members declared that they were in a confidential environment for the duration of the meeting.

1. Welcome and Apologies.

The Chair, Mr. Hartopp welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes and Matters Arising.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 3rd March 2020, Monday 22nd June 2020, Tuesday 8th December 2020 and Tuesday 22nd March 2021 were read, agreed and are to be signed at the next physical P&S meeting.

ACTION After a discussion, the governors agreed both the Maths Policy and the Expected Behaviour of Visitor’s Policy that are to be signed and dated by the chair at the next physical meeting.

3. Declaration of Interest.

Mr. Atkins declared an interest in items relating to Chetwynd Junior School, Eton College and the NGA.

Mr. Johnson declared an interest in items relating to Stockingford Academy.

Mr. Friswell declared an interest in items relating to “Stepping Stones”.

4. Review attainment and progress data.

2020/2021 Data Headlines, had been previously circulated. Copy with original minutes. Miss. Ivers and Mrs. Green both gave the presentation.

Impact of Covid, Autumn 2 to Summer 2. There were strong data results. Expected progress was very strong in all Year groups, all made 80%. With PP, more than 35% made progress.

Governors enquired what had been put into place to make progress.

Miss. Ivers replied that there was much intervention throughout the whole school and pupils are now taught in the classroom. Maths and English curriculum has been adjusted to address the gaps

in learning. Baseline was not reset. Pupils wanted to be back in school. In cases where there was no home learning, the gaps were bigger and these pupils are more focused with catch up.

Governors enquired how this data compared with previous years.

Miss. Ivers replied that the PP gap remains in Writing. During lockdown, half PP pupils were in school and the other half were learning at home. Writing is a focused target for the next academic year. PP and SEN overlap. Each pupil has a tracker and data would be added to monitor progress next year. These pupils are not working at age related.

12 out of the 25 KS1 Pupil premium pupils attended school during the most recent lockdown, of which those pupils achieved - Reading 56%, Writing 32% and Maths 52%.

Governors enquired regarding the Writing 32% results.

Mrs. Green replied that we must look at the PP impact monitoring sheets, when PP pupils do not make expected progress; we investigate, regarding what is the story behind this. Mrs. Green stated that she was pleased with the progress made throughout the whole school.

Governors held a discussion and were pleased with overall progress made. Although governors expressed their concern with PP writing, it was a repeating yearly issue. We need to investigate and have plans set in place for the Autumn term 2021 to address this issue. There will be a PP Audit next year.

ACTION When all the information has been gathered, Miss. Ivers will undertake a trend for all pupils regarding Writing to enable them to move forward.

Tracking Attainment in Reading, Writing and Maths, had been previously circulated. Copy with original minutes.

Miss. Ivers stated these were positive results. PP in Year 1 Maths had increased.

Governors enquired how the standards set are.

Miss. Ivers replied that we have standards set to measure against moderation, which Mrs. Green and Miss. Ivers both set for Whitestone. These are set against the National Curriculum.

Governors asked who undertook moderation at Whitestone.

Mrs. Green replied that all teachers have been trained in moderation internally and in the Consortium moderation.

Year Progress Data 2020/2021 had been previously circulated. Copy with original minutes.

There was strong data against all Year groups.

PP made strong progress in Reading, Writing and Maths.

SEN results are to be placed on Governor Hub.

Comparing the last 3 years. Reading 75%, Writing 69% (below the national data) and Maths 76%.

Mrs. Green stated that both Reading and Maths were in line with the national data.

Although there had been loss of learning, the low cohorts had made good progress. All pupils have made individual progress.

Governors discussed the pupils' progress results and concluded that despite Covid, good progress had been achieved. These progress results will be looked at again in Autumn term 2021.

5. Review Online Performance and LIP.

Learning Improvement Plan (LIP) Objective had been previously circulated. Copy with original minutes.

Miss. Cusworth reported that looking overall Whitestone has performed well.

The "Inset day" gave teachers the opportunity to record the lessons that were delivered online as part of the blended learning during lockdown.

Governors commented that pupils liked joining and interacting on wellbeing lessons.

Parents had taken the opportunity to embrace this for pupils to make progress with home learnings.

Governors stated some families did not have home access to technology.

Miss. Cusworth stated that we are keeping the online learning ongoing. This would be used for communication for parents to get access to videos recorded during lockdown for pupils to watch again. The remote Parents Evenings have been well attended.

IDS access provided equipment for Whitestone. The school office staff helped families that required pupils to have laptop access for home learning. These changes to learning have had a positive impact on learning at Whitestone.

Miss. Cusworth was thanked for her report who then left the meeting at 6.25 p.m.

At this point Mrs. Hill entered the meeting at 6.25 p.m.

6. Policies.

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education Policy had been previously circulated. Copy with original minutes.

The government has announced that as from September 2021, "Relationship and Sex Education" will be statutory taught in all primary schools. Parents would have the right to withdraw their child from the sex aspects of the learning (at KS1 reproduction is not taught), but not the Relationship element. Mrs. Hill reported that Mrs. Green at school assemblies mentions items from this area.

Mrs. Hill stated that governors, staff and parents have all been consulted. There are clear parameters on what aspects are appropriate. At the age of Whitestone's pupils, the Relationship element is more focused. This topic covers many areas of the curriculum. There are many sensitive areas, if a member of staff is unsure of the answer to a question, they will return to the pupil with the appropriate answer.

Whitestone will use "My Feelings, My Friends and My Family", a teaching resource to cover the statutory and core subject issues. We are linking in with Chetwynd on teaching this subject.

Governors stated that this was an easy document to read and it gave the pupils a good grounding for the future in this area of the curriculum.

Mrs. Hill was thanked for her report who then left the meeting at 6.38 p.m.

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7. Governor Vacancies.

Mr. Stokes, a co-opted governor agreed to serve a further four year term from 22nd June 2021 until 21st June 2025. The Clerk to inform the LA.

ACTION The Clerk to inform the LA that Mr. Stokes will serve as a co-opted for a further four years, from 22nd June 2021 until 21st June 2025.

There are 2 co-opted and 1 parent governor vacancies.

8. Correspondence.

The Clerk has emailed the Governors Information from the L.A.

9. Any Other Business.

There was no any other business.

10. Date of Next Meetings.

Pay Committee – Tuesday 6th July 2021; from 5.30 p.m. until 6.30 p.m.
FRSC – Tuesday 13th July 2021; from 5.30 p.m. until 6.30 p.m.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 6.45 p.m.

Date Signed

(Chair)