MINUTES of a meeting of The Ful Board of Governors of

The Federation of Boskenwyn And Germoe Schools

Held at Germoe on Wednesday 7th February 2024

PRESENT:

 Dr Russ Monhemius (Chair)

Paula Blackburn (Head Teacher)

Anita Care (taking minutes in absence of a Clerk)

Mrs Denise Rusga

Mrs Jo Nicholas

Mrs Natalie Waters

Mr Bertie Archer

Mr Nathan Bird

Ms Fliss Spiers

Naomi Penrose

Brian Toney

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|  | 1. **APOLOGIES & AOB**   Andrew Segal |  |
|  | 1. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS**   No governors have anything to declare in addition to what is published on the website |  |
|  | 1. **MATTERS ARISING/MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**   No matters arising and minutes signed off as accurate |  |
|  | 1. **OFSTED inspection discussion**   Complaint submitted , we had 5 days from the final report to send the complaint in, OFSTED have 30 days to respond to our complaint. We will hear by 7th March  Question asked: have previous complaints against OFSTED been upheld in the past?  Recommendations from us:  Inspectors need better training  Skills – staff should be consistent, they weren’t consistent in their delivery. |  |
|  | 1. **Headteachers Report**   Discussed Phonics – Governor asked when was it introduced  RWI – discussed what this involved |  |
|  | 1. **Policies for Review**   Behaviour  Code of Conduct  Safer Working Practises |  |
|  | 1. **Curriculum Update**   Started doing a lot more continuous provision, children choose their own activities instead of directed activity by the teacher. Reception children have more freedom and Y1/2 is about transferable skills.  Focus on the national curriculum – tutor table. Whole class input – few will sit at tutor table.  Skills – smaller groups – encourages children because they choose instead of being told. |  |
|  | 1. **Safeguarding**   Safeguarding meeting will be half termly.  Use of PREVENT  SCR overview  Safeguarding action plan  Section 175 audit – done annually to show safeguarding compliance.  Now have 2 DDSL’s instead of 1, extra DDSL has been booked in for training.  Termly safeguarding report for Governors  Send out PREVENT link to all Governors who have not done the training.  A parent wants to take a pupil out at half term, they are going to the America to teach at Michigan University and although the child will be educated it is not recognised as such.  It is not agreed that parents can take children out for holidays unless it is a holiday of a lifetime. There are some acceptable circumstances – some parents teach abroad. Possibly will approved these but they will be asked to complete diaries.  New gate from carpark to the school at Germoe, all gates being locked on both sites is a good improvement and working well. |  |
|  | 1. **Data**   Covered at the last meeting |  |
|  | 1. **Attendance**   Covered attendance under Safeguarding |  |
|  | 1. **SEND**   Covered in Safeguarding |  |
|  | 1. **Committee Meetings**   Finance meeting due (send dates to Chair)  Budget meeting due (projected) - Boskenwyn – still haven’t paid the electricity bill, there is a query with one of the meters being economy but being billed for a full meter – about £9,000 too much. They also didn’t think we were a customer and couldn’t find our account.  Water/Electric meters – are readings taken?  H & S Committee  Germoe – Mining report – starting the excavations at half term. Depending on findings they will start the remedial works and then know how long this will take. May need to vacate the classrooms after half term until it is all complete. Y2 will go in the hall and Kindergarten, if needed. Kindergarten can go in the forest – we are getting a compost toilet. Contacting church to see if we can use the village hall.  Could possibly borrow a Bell tent for a temporary classroom. Gweek village hall have a marquee. CC are footing the cost.  Fire doors and curtains going in at Easter  Boskenwyn – new heating in classroom is a temporary fix.  Ventilation – kitchen extractor – it has now been agreed, after 6monoths, that it will be a smaller version of what they originally suggested  Cleaner at Boskenwyn fell over in the dark on the playground due to lack of lighting.  Climbing frame has been condemned. A team from Culdrose are coming to dismantle it and turn the ground over. A parent has started a fundraiser for new equipment.  Fire report has stated we need thumb returns on all doors.  Clerking- still not found a replacement |  |
|  | 1. **Committee Members and Governor roles review**   Advertise for another Boskenwyn parent governor |  |
|  | 1. **Pupil Premium**   Updated on the website. Strategy statement – PP 31.12.23. Breakdown of what we do with PP.  Subsidies given on trips, swimming etc if a parent requests  PP used to supplement staffing. Transport and pool hire have increased and we have had to increase prices.  Lease on Minibus at both schools is up for renewal in July. Check the Insurance and driver certificates – will we still have the same cover if we use a Minibus Lite |  |
|  | 1. **Health & Safety**   Play equipment at Germoe – some parts need attention and not in use.  Boskenwyn play equipment has been condemned – awaiting the report to come in.  Mining/subsidence Drilling stats at Germoe 4th an 5th December |  |
|  | 1. **Urgent/Confidential matters**   None |  |
|  | 1. **Any other business**   None |  |
|  | 1. **Date of Next Meeting**   Wednesday 27th April 2024 at Boskenwyn |  |