

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
OF NETHER ALDERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL HELD ON  
6<sup>th</sup> JULY 2017 AT 6.30PM.**

Governors present:

John Brooks-Chair  
Nina Mowforth  
Richard Craven  
Barbara Spooner  
Wendy Beastall  
Sophie Harrison-Moody  
Andy Brady  
Susan Cleary  
Rachel Carney  
Christian Gilham  
Rev Jon Hale

Clerk: Debbie Bullivant

Also present: Joanne Watkins (MAT Director)

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**1. APOLOGIES**

Robert Topping.

**2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None

**3. MEMBERSHIP**

No Changes.

**4. PART ONE MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING**

- Before School Club – has started, only 2 - 4 children attending.
- Governors details are now on school website
  
- Competency Framework – still outstanding

**Action: Compile/circulate-JB.**

**5. CHAIR'S ACTION**

- Reception Appeals

Three appeals have been heard to date - all unsuccessful.

**6. PART ONE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPORTS FROM GOVERNORS WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Minutes of Committee meetings have all been previously circulated.
  
- Carpark changes/markings are being considered.  
Awaiting costings.

- The budget for the financial year 2017-18 Approved.
- Purchase of annual contracts Delegated to the Finance Committee to review at next year.
- Pupil Premium Only two pupils attract funding. Support discussed .Both pupils are making good progress.

## **7. PART ONE HEADTEACHER'S REPORT AND MATTERS ARISING**

Copy handed to governors present.

School is full. 14 on waiting list for Reception. 1 more appeal to be heard.  
Class organisations for next year shared.

Attendance stable at 96.5%. Persistent Absence 3%.

### **Data**

Phonics 64%

Reception GLD 68%

KS1 Expected or better

Maths 67%

Reading 80%

Writing 73%

KS2 Expected or better

Maths 77%

Reading 100%

Writing 85%

SPAG 92% (awaiting a re-mark)

Maths will be a priority next year.

## **8. SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (SDP)**

Summary shared and discussed.

Science – will be reviewed in September.

British Values – actions still outstanding.

Stakeholder meeting will be held in September to look at priorities for next year.

## **9. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PARTNER/EXTERNAL ADVISER**

Fallibroome have brought in additional support for Upton Priory.

There is a proposal that this support will be offered to all MAT primaries and may take the place of SIP.

School already has a SIP. Governors agreed to keep current SIP for a further year.

Clarification required as to whether this will replace a need for a separate SIP.

Q: What will be terms of reference? How would it effect Headteachers' performance management?

Q: How do other schools feel about possible change?

**Action: Request clarification – JB.**

## 10. GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Some information is already held on the website.

**Action: Compile and circulate – JB.**

## 11. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Previously circulated.

The following items were discussed:

- Chair's emails
- Cheshire East drop in admission numbers.
- Cheshire East Catering – new Cypad system.
- Asbestos Register
- LSCB online survey
- Transfer of safeguarding records.
- School trips – terrorist attacks.

## 12. GOVERNOR DEVELOPMENT

- School Governance

Cost around £600.

Q: Do we still need this support?

Modern Governor could be an option to meet training needs.

**Action: Review along with training needs– Govs.**

Q: Can training be MAT wide?

A: To be considered at the governors' conference in October.

Winsford Education Partnership run courses and often have spare spaces on their courses.

**Action: Forward details – JW.**

## 13. SCHOOL POLICIES

- Health and Safety
- Circulated for comments.

## 14. PLANNED RESIDENTIAL VISITS

- 18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> September Y5 /6 Residential –Robinwood.Todmordon.
- 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Y 3 /4 Residential – Tattenhall.

Approved subject to relevant risk assessments.

## 15. MEETINGS

- Committee Chairs will call meetings as required.
- FGB meetings:
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All at 6.30pm.

**23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017**

**8<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**5<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- **Friends of Nether Alderley**

Consideration is being given to setting up a registered charity with a separate bank account to receive small donations and raised additional school funds.

It is hoped the wider community and extended family members will contribute.

There would need to be a minimum of three trustees.

Q: How would this differ from PTA.?

A: longer term fund raising for a purpose. Tax benefits through Gift Aid.

A number of issues need to be resolved such as who would stand as a Trustee and who would be signatories to account.

**Action: List of questions to be compiled and circulated to governors-WB.**

- Catering

A few grumbles around school. Cheshire East have the contract.

Fairly limited choice.

Q: Could service be better?

**Action: Agenda item for Finance Committee.-JB.**

- Growth Modelling

There are a large number of housing developments planned in the local area.

The Wilmslow area already has a shortage of school places.

School does not have additional capacity without large funding implications.

Next meeting with CE Director OF Education will be in September.

Meeting closed 8.30pm.

Signed .....

Date .....