

Haslingfield Primary School

Minutes of the Extra-ordinary Full Governing Body Meeting

Held on Zoom, at 10.15am on 12th May 2020

Governors present: Graeme McLeod (Head) Paula Durrant – Chair (PD) Jenny Reavell (JNR) Pam Collis (PC) Janet Reinemann (JR), Nicola Pearce (NP) and Tim Robinson (TR)

Also in attendance: Kathleen Baptie (Clerk KB)

1. To Receive and Accept Apologies for Absence

None

2. To Receive any Declarations of Interest

None

3. Revised Safeguarding Policy re Covid 19

GM explained that schools had received recommendations from County Council outlining safety measures for distance teaching online and guidance to structure smaller class sizes within the school. The school has adopted many of the recommendations, minimising risk to children and staff whilst staying within the guidelines. The Governing Body acknowledges the changes imposed and ratified the Safeguarding policy.

4. School Budget

NP referred to the Budget Report for 2020 – 2021 which had previously been circulated to members. The report shows a Plan A and a Plan B, both of which include 7 classes, whilst Plan B drops down to 6 classes for the academic year 2021 – 2022. The report identifies a positive a carry forward figure.

The Governors questioned that the curriculum budget shows a reduction of approximately 50% in the second year. NP explained that the higher figure in the first year takes into account additional expenditure on the school server, building maintenance and classroom furniture.

It was also noted that the swimming pool is unlikely to open this year, although most of the costs for this would normally be covered by the swimming club.

County have advised that there will be a Loss of Earnings Grant for the additional costs incurred by Schools that were open during the Easter holidays, including cleaning etc. Schools will be able to apply via a portal on the Government website.

NP had a phone meeting with Ray Burke (CCC) who approved the Budget. The Governing Body agreed it was in favour of the presented Budget, Plan B, and it was approved.

<p>NP was thanked for all her hard work and especially for agreeing to stay on until a replacement for her position was found.</p> <p>5. AOB</p> <p>Recruitment & retention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no foreseen changes to teaching staff in September. • The School Business Manager vacancy is currently being advertised for the 3rd time. <p>Governor Vacancies</p> <p>There are currently 2 vacancies. It is understood that the Trustees of the United Charities will offer the position left by BG to the next Vicar when they are appointed. PD will make some enquiries about the remaining vacancy.</p> <p>On behalf of the Governors, PD wished to thank GM and all the staff for keeping everyone going. The hard work of the teachers behind the scenes to deliver distance learning whilst still supporting the children was very much appreciated and it was noted that the children felt cherished and cared for and felt that they were still very much part of the school.</p> <p>Meeting finished at 10.50am</p>	<p>JR to check with the Trustees.</p>