

Newbold & Tredington Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School

Minutes of the Full Governing Body meeting on
Wednesday 13th July at 7:00pm
Held virtually via Microsoft Teams

Start time: 19.00


Finish time: 20:11

Constitution	Present	Absent/Apologies
Head Teacher Ex Officio	Samantha Welsby (SW)	
Chair of Governors/LA Governor	Dave McWhirter (DM)	
Vice Chair/Parent Governor	Natalie Hufton Jones (NHJ)	
Co-opted Governor	Michelle Eddy (ME)	
Staff Governor	Natalie Walsh (NW)	
Foundation Governor		Sian Jones (SJ)
Foundation Governor	Hannah Gregory (HG) <i>late 20 mins</i>	
Co-Opted Governor	Bruce Gamwell (BG)	
Parent Governor	Louise Lithgow-Dicker	
Clerk		Sam Moran (SM)

1	Welcome DM welcomed all to the meeting.	
2	Attendance and Apologies No conflicts of interest or confidential items were declared. Apologies were received and accepted as above.	
3	Approval of Minutes from previous meeting on 6th April 2022 and Matters Arising These has been circulated prior to the meeting and were taken as read. Governors agreed they were a true reflection of the meeting and the Chair would sign them at the earliest opportunity. All actions were confirmed as complete.	

4	<p>Curriculum update from Natalie Walsh</p> <p>NW shared her presentation onscreen during the meeting and the document will be uploaded to GHub. NW re-capped the previous presentation and took Governors through the main points of the updates:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum has been changed to bring it together to link the classes together and have cohesion in the curriculum • This will make it clear to parents and Governors about the purpose • There will be 3 questions over the year:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What does change look like? ○ What does the world look like to us? ○ What does creativity look like? • Each class will have a focussed question that matches their topic • Children will have their termly question in front of their books and have opportunities to note down new things that they have learnt • Children in each class answer their own question and this will help the school answer the big question for each term • Assessment will be by way of allowing the children to prove what they know without it being a test or assessment. Yr6 may write something formal in terms of writing or it may be that children in Yr1 do this through toys and this can be recorded as their assessment. <p>Q – Will other schools within the MAT have their own curriculum process?</p> <p>A – Yes this is individual to each school.</p> <p>Governors discussed the presentation in detail.</p> <p>Governors congratulated the school on the hard work and dedication that had gone into this.</p>	
5	<p>HT report</p> <p>The Report and SEF had been circulated prior to the meeting and taken as read. SW took Governors through the main points and invited questions.</p> <p>Q – Governors asked about the pupils leaving and the reasons</p> <p>A – Mainly due to families moving out of the area</p> <p>Q – Governors commented progress was looking better and asked about when SW felt the children would be back in a position as if COVID had not happened and were where they ought to be.</p> <p>A – SW felt this depended on if we were hit again by COVID however the SEN pupils would not increase and it all depended on the individual cohorts.</p> <p>Q – ARE is not however looking as good – would there be a revision of the ARE's nationally and across the school based on the fact that we have been through a Pandemic?</p>	

	<p>A – The SATS benchmarks have increased and not lowered and so this has possibly skewed the results (along with of course the continual changes in Education Secretary) rather than allowing for the Pandemic.</p> <p>Governors had no further questions.</p>	
6	<p>Nursery</p> <p>Under Academy status we have to have all the children on roll and Governors were asked to note and for it to be Minuted that we are broadening the age range from 3 to 11.</p>	
7	<p>Reports from sub committees, including Subject leads.</p> <p>These had been circulated previously and were taken as read.</p> <p><u>Resources</u> NHJ confirmed there had not been a meeting held this term but had met with Warwickshire Finance. We have slightly more carry forward than had been anticipated and now have a surplus of £121,000.</p> <p>NHJ confirmed we will continue to meet with Warwickshire around finance until we become part of the MAT officially.</p> <p><u>P&S</u> ME updated Governors as above in SW's HT report. Governors had no questions as this had been discussed above.</p>	
8	<p>Fosse MAT update and associated matters:-</p> <p>{i} Stakeholder Consultation This had been undertaken and the report had been circulated to the Board on 30/6/22. Governors had no questions.</p> <p>{ii} Change of age range for N&T to 3-11 This had been discussed above and Governors were in agreement to the change.</p> <p>{iii} Future role of our sub committees Covnersations had been held with the MAT as to whether these would continue at N&T. It was agreed that P&S needed to remain but Resources would have to change due to the finances now being in the hands of the MAT.</p> <p>Discussed that we were low on Governor numbers and it was difficult currently to ensure each committee was quorate. The Board wanted to continue their deep dives into the data but considered whether it was necessary to continue with having a Link Governor for these.</p> <p>It was agreed that this was open for discussion in the early part of the next academic year and a meeting would be arranged for early September 2022 and invite a member of the MAT to attend.</p>	

9	<p>Decision on joining converting to academy status and joining the Fosse MAT</p> <p>DMc confirmed further discussions had been held with the MAT and permission sought from the Diocese.</p> <p>A Project Manager had been put in place by the MAT, now that the due diligence has been completed, who ensured the legalities of the decision had been dealt with.</p> <p>There has been a formal consultation process undertaken with the Staff and Parents and the report indicated that 4 parents had attended. Nothing had been raised during the consultation.</p> <p>The HT and all staff were supportive of the move to join the MAT. NW, as Staff Governor, confirmed she had not heard anything negative from any members of staff and everyone was fully expecting us to join.</p> <p>The Executive Head of the MAT had confirmed she would be attending the LGB meetings.</p> <p>Governors were asked for their individual comments and discussed joining the MAT in detail.</p> <p>Governors voted unanimously to join the Fosse MAT.</p>	
10	<p>Dates for FGB, P&S and Resources for 2022/23</p> <p>These had been circulated and Governors were asked to confirm their availability.</p>	
11	<p>AOB</p> <p>None for this meeting.</p>	
12	<p>Close and dates of next meetings:-</p> <p>tbc</p>	
<p align="center">These minutes are an accurate record of the meeting that took place and have been agreed by the governing body.</p>		
<p>Signed by the Chair:</p> 		<p>Print Name:</p> <p><u>Mr W. H. R. T. C. L.</u></p>
<p>• In addition to signing above, please remember to initial at the top of every page.</p>		