

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GOVERNORS OF  
NETHER ALDERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL HELD ON  
19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**

**Members Present:** John Brooks                      Chair  
Richard Craven                      Headteacher  
Sue Cleary  
Gemma Scotchford  
Christian Gilham  
Claire Moores  
Sophie Harrison-Moody  
Rachel Carney  
Nina Mowforth  
Ceri Taylor

**Also in attendance:** Charlotte Quigley                      Clerk to the Governors

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**PART ONE – NON-CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

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*This meeting was held by video link.*

**1. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None reported

**2. ABSENCE**

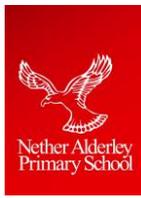
- 2.1. Apologies for absence were received from Rachel Gilmour and John Hale
- 2.2. Governors approved the apologies from Rachel Gilmour and John Hale

**3. PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- 3.1. No declaration was made by a governor of a conflict or pecuniary interest between an individual and the governing board as a whole, in connection with the business to be discussed at the meeting.

**4. MEMBERSHIP**

- 4.1 There have been membership changes since the last meeting. Jon Hale has stepped down and Sophie Harrison Moody's term of office has come to an end. With thanks to both for their service to the school, Sophie after 12 years as governor.
- 4.2 Christian Gilham and Rachel Carney terms are ending 30.11.2020, they are both happy to continue, this was supported by the governors.
- 4.3 The governing board has 2 co-opted governor vacancies, it was agreed areas to consider would be HR and SEN expertise.



**ACTION:** John Brooks to look into suitable replacements and to check constitution of governing body with The Fallibroome Trust, then to advise if another parent governor is required.

## **5. PART ONE MINUTES**

- 5.1. The part one minutes of the meetings held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the chair.
- 5.2. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

## **6. CHAIR'S ACTION**

- 6.1 It was noted that there had been two in-year applications which were rejected, 1 joined on appeal and 1 application was withdrawn.  
**Question:** A child from Alderley Park was offered a place at a school 5 miles away.  
**Answer:** They were directed to a school in Macclesfield which was the nearest school with a place available in Year 3.

## **7. TRUST CEO AND LEA DIRECTORS REPORT**

- 7.1 LEA directors report had been circulated previously.
- 7.2 It was reported that all governor training is online
- 7.3 It was agreed that statutory policies are to be updated and reviewed each year and additional policies to be added onto the website

## **8. HEAD TEACHERS REPORT**

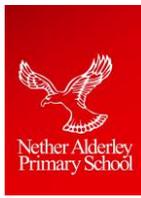
- 8.1. The Head Teachers Report has been previously circulated, the following issues arising from the head teachers' report were discussed.
  - It was reported there had been an admission in Year 3 after an appeal had been won and another application had been received for Year 2.
  - Attendance is a lot higher than in previous years
  - Persistent absence currently at over 10%, it was reported this includes pupils which have been self-isolating
  - Staff absence is higher than in previous years due to self-isolating
- 8.2 Finance:  
It was reported that the previous year's figures look a lot better than budgeted, largely due to maternity leave being less than budgeted for. It was reported supply cover for the current year is unknown  
**Question:** Do we go through an agency?  
**Answer:** Only as a last resort

## **9. COMMITTEE MEETING**

- 9.1 It was reported that no committee meetings had yet been held

## **10. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES**

- 10.1 Curriculum: It was reported that History and Geography is up to date and standards have been raised and improved which is to be rolled out



across all subjects. It was agreed all work will be completed by February 2021.

- 10.2 Catch-up Plan: It was reported that £8,000 has been received, this is being used on priority groups of children in Years 2, 3 and 4.

Bid for 1 to 1 tuition money for pupils, school has to pay for part of this.

**ACTION:** Head teacher to add the plan onto the school website

**Question:** If you were to bid for 1 to 1 tuition what would be the value?

**Answer:** 25% of the total cost

**ACTION:** Head teacher to follow up

## 11 CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 11.1 It was reported The Fallibroome Trust has an extensive CPD training offer which is available to all staff, there is no provision for governor training yet.

## 12 TAGETS 2021

- 12.1 It was reported that all Year 6 pupils are on track to be at the expected level of achievement with 20% to 30% at greater depth

## 13 HEALTH & SAFETY

- 13.1 It was reported The Fallibroome Trust have subscribed to a new Health & Safety provider centralised service.

## 14 SCHOOL TERM DATES

- 14.1 The draft term dates for 2021-22 were circulated and signed off

## 15 POLICY REVIEW

- 15.1 It was reported the safeguarding policy has been updated and published on the website

**ACTION:** To be reviewed and updated each year by DSL

## 16 WELL-BEING

- 16.1 It was reported that The Fallibroome Trust strategy was for each school to have a well-being advocate and a policy will be formulated to help staff.

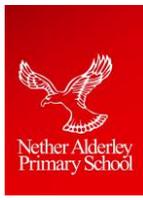
**Question:** Have you identified any children for well-being intervention?

**Answer:** Play therapy has been previously set up for 2 children which required it, there is no other child at the moment that requires any interventions.

## 17. MEETINGS

- 17.1 The dates and times for the full governing board meetings for 2020-21 are agreed.

- Spring Term: 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 6:30pm
- Summer Term: 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 6:30pm



----- Chair

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