



ROGATE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Extraordinary FGB

Tuesday 20th June 2017

4.00pm

PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
Mrs Verona Hall <i>Chair</i>	Mr Max Harwood <i>Co-opted Governor</i>	Mrs Louise Stevenson <i>LA Governor arrived 4.16pm</i>
Rev. Edward Doyle <i>Ex Officio</i>	Mr Chris Hawker <i>Associate Governor</i>	
Ms Amy O'Toole <i>Head Teacher</i>	Mr Max Harwood <i>Co-opted Governor</i>	
Mrs Stephanie Garwood <i>Staff Governor</i>	Mrs Fiona Dix <i>Associate Governor</i>	
Mrs Rita Roach <i>Foundation Governor</i>	Mr Matthew Wright <i>Vice Chair</i>	
Mr Neil Ryder <i>Co-opted Governor</i>	Mrs Hannah Pasfield <i>Parent Gov</i>	

IN ATTENDANCE
Sarah McCarthy <i>LA Clerk</i>

ITEM	MINUTES	ACTION
1	The meeting opened at 4.14pm .The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no apologies. Father Edward opened the meeting with a prayer.	
2	There were no details of pecuniary interests declared.	
3	<p>OFSTED</p> <p>The Ofsted report had been circulated to all present. The Chair noted that it had been a good report and the school was now out of special measures. It was explained to Governors that under 'Outcomes' the previous year's data had been used as the current year data has not yet been approved by the Department for Education. The HMI had noted lots of positives around the school and thought that the school was on the cusp of 'Good'.</p> <p>Q With regard to the data, could we ask for another Ofsted inspection when the data is released?</p> <p>A We could, but it would not be advisable. If the school was deemed as 'Requires Improvement' for the second time in a row then we would be placed back into special measures. We have two years before Ofsted will visit us again.</p> <p>Q Is it likely that they will visit before then?</p> <p>A No.</p> <p>The Leadership and management was deemed 'Good'. The Chair thanked all the Governors who had visited the school and worked hard to prepare for the inspection. The Governors also congratulated Mrs Garwood on raising the standards in EYFS to 'Good'.</p> <p>The Governors then discussed the teaching and learning that was deemed inadequate. It was noted that this was likely to be the biggest area of concern for parents, however the teaching in year 6 was highly commended. A parents meeting was scheduled for Thursday 22nd June at 3.30pm and at 6.30pm for those who wished to discuss it to come and meet with the staff and governors.</p>	

Signed
Chair of Governors

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	<p>One point raised in the inspection was that the Head did not delegate enough responsibility to middle leaders. Governors discussed this and it was noted that the school has a very small staff team which does limit how much can be devolved to others. The inspector had commented that more could be given to teaching assistants; however the HT and Governors felt that this was an unrealistic expectation taking into account the amount of extra work that they already undertake.</p> <p>The Governors' thanked the HT and Deputy for all their work and congratulated them on a successful outcome. They also thanked Mrs Harrison Roach and Ms McCarthy for their work on ensuring the safeguarding outcomes were good.</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>UNIFORM</p> <p>The HT had previously circulated information regarding a change to the school uniform. The proposed uniform was shown to governors and the HT explained the thoughts behind the change as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new uniform would consist of: Grey Blazer Grey trousers/tailored shorts for boys/girls Checked Kilt for girls Bottle green v necked jumper (no sweatshirts) White shirt with collar (long or short sleeved, no polo shirts) Grey socks Black school shoes School tie in corresponding house colours <p>All of this would be available from the School Kit website, with some items being kept in stock at school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently, there is a winter and summer uniform. This usually changes after the Easter holiday, but this is weather dependant and not all children change at the same time. This can result in a mismatch across the school. • The current uniform consists of a green sweat shirt with the school logo. This costs £12 but many of the children purchase cheaper alternatives without the logo from a variety of high street outlets. Again, this results in an inconsistency across the school and the children can look untidy. • In line with the vision of improving the image of the school to the wider community, and in line with the good result in the Ofsted inspection, the HT feels that a change of uniform to one that is readily available, affordable but much more consistent and smart in its outlook will greatly improve not only the image of the school, but also pupils behave and outcomes. • We would make it compulsory for the reception class pupils starting in September 2017, with the option to wear it for any other pupils who wish to, across the school. It would then become compulsory for the whole school in September 2018. <p>A discussion followed regarding the pro's and con's of the uniform. Governors were concerned that it could be difficult for parents on lower incomes to afford it, as the blazer retails at £22 and the skirts at £12. The HT explained that the school would offer payment plans to parents that need it, and hopefully the school could start to build a stock of second hand uniform.</p>	



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	<p>Q If the school becomes an academy, as the order is still out there, would it not be better to wait and see what happens?</p> <p>A Not really. The directive academy order only lasts for nine months, so it is has now expired. We have been waiting a year with no news so we should really carry on running the school as normal.</p> <p>A discussion followed regarding the winter and summer uniforms, where some Governors felt that the blazer and skirt would not be practical in the heat.</p> <p>Governors' then proposed the following;</p> <p>1. Do we consult the parents on a change of school uniform? Governors voted 6 in favour, 3 not in favour and 1 abstention. It was agreed that the HT would write a letter out lining the proposal. It was agreed, after a discussion, that the closing date of the consultation period would be 29.06.17 at 9.15 am.</p> <p>The second proposal was as follows;</p> <p>2. Do we agree to implement the changes across Reception pupils initially, with any other pupil's allowed to wear the new uniform? Governors voted 6 in favour, 3 not in favour and 1 abstention. A group of governors agreed to meet with the Head teacher on June 29th to examine the responses of the consultation and report back to the GB at the meeting on July 4th.</p> <p><i>Fiona Dix left at 5.07pm</i> <i>Father Edward left at 5.10pm</i></p>	
5	<p>AOB The Governors agreed that it would be a nice idea to invite all staff and governors for tea as a thank you for their work during the inspection. It was decided to meet at the Dursleighmarsh Tea Barn on Friday 30th June at 3.30pm. SBM to book.</p>	ACTION SBM
	The Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 5.40pm	