

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategy Committee of St. Giles School Governing Body
held on Tuesday 14th January 2020 at 6.00 p.m. at the school**

Part A Minutes

Present:

Callton Young (Chair)

Neal Fraser

Katherine Lewis – Head Teacher

Michael Swadling – Resources (Vice Chair)

Ken Morcombe (Achievement & Standards)

Caroline Horgan – Deputy Head Teacher

Also Present: - Colin Milsom (Clerk)

Alison Farmer – (Head of the 0-25 SEND Service, Croydon Council) for a presentation on Nursey Provision

1. Apologies and Quorum

The meeting was quorate and there were no apologies for absence to record.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations regarding changes to current interests and the agenda items for this meeting.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st October 2019 and matters arising

The minutes were agreed as a correct record by the chair. There were no matter arising that had not been completed or were not covered by the agenda.

4. Matters Arising

The following matters arising identified from the last minutes were noted:

Changes to the current and projected pupil population to be raised with Alison Farmer – This was to be discussed later in the meeting

Key Stage transition arrangements managed by the LA Admissions section – This had been clarified with the LA and report at the last full board. The LA was now, as a matter of course, contacting all parents of pupils who would be moving Key Stages to discuss school options, but had been requested to confirm that any transfers would be to the most appropriate setting for the child and in the case of St Giles which was all age school, it could well be that the child would remain at the school.

Funding of teachers pay award – It had been confirmed that the funding available had covered the additional costs arising from the cost of living increase in teacher pay scales.

Access to the Purley Way Playing Fields – The LA had agreed that the gate to the field be reinstated. There was ongoing discussion about the installation of a pedestrian path on the playing fields.

Revision of the Pay Policy – Arising from a pay appeal the school was consulting with staff on possible changes and this would be fed back to the LA who negotiated pay related policies for all maintained schools with the relevant staff unions.

In addition the head teacher was asked if any staff would be affected by the exit of the United Kingdom from the European Union but it was confirmed that the relevant staff had taken the necessary steps to confirm their status and employment.

There were no other matters arising.

5. Urgent Matters

Quarter 3 Financial reports

All board members had been sent the Q3 report and the explanatory notes regarding the changes to the expenditure.

Q. What does the school fund transfer relate to?

A. VAT recovery.

Q. With regard to the minibus insurance is this vehicle now appropriate for the use of the school?

A. Changes in vehicle regulations and the school population mean that its use is now quite limited and driver licence rules also limit the number of eligible drivers, however at the present time the vehicle is used where appropriate and in emergencies. It is therefore still cost effective to continue to retain the minibus and insure it however when it comes to the end of its useful life the matter will be reviewed to see if the school having its own transport is appropriate and if so what type this should be.

The Q3 accounts were agreed and were signed by the chair.

6. Committee agenda items for the current term

a) Resources Committee - There were no additional matter at the present time but there could be once the board had further information about the nursery provision and the extra reception pupils.

b) Assessment & Standards Committee – It was agreed to amend the agenda. Item 12 Curriculum Development would look at the Reception Curriculum Provision. An additional item would be added at 18 as a Part B items to look at Nursery Provision.

There were no other amendments to the draft agenda items at the present time.

7. School Development Plan 2019/2020

At the present time there was nothing to add.

8. Any Other Business

Governing Monitoring was deferred to the next meeting.

Alternative sources of funding and fundraising was deferred to the Resources meeting.

9. Publication of Minutes

It was agreed as there were no matters of a confidential nature contained in the Part A Minutes the Part A Minutes could be published after they had been agreed by the chair.

10. Dates of future meetings

All meetings would commence at 6.00 p.m.

Spring 2020

A & S - Wednesday 22nd January,

Strategy – Tuesday 28th January,(Special Meeting)

Resources - Tuesday 24th March,
FGB - Thursday 2nd April

Summer

Strategy - Tuesday 28th April,

A & S - Wednesday 6th May – this date was still subject to further discussion

Resources - Wednesday 8th July

FGB - Wednesday 15th July

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Agreed and approved by the governors and signed by the chair of the meeting.

Date

Chairman