RAVENSWOOD SCHOOL



MINUTES OF THE FULL GOVERNORS MEETING 4.45pm – Wednesday 24th May 2023

Ref	Agenda Item	Action by
1	ATTENDANCE	
	Mark Senior (MS) (Headteacher)	
	Toby Willis (TW)	
	Mike Evans (ME) (Chair on behalf of TW)	
	Simon Perks (SP)	
	Pam Pollard (PP)	
	Jeanne Wood (JW)	
	Stuart Iles (SI)	
	Sarah (Potential Governor)	
	Charlotte (Potential Governor)	
	School Officers	
	Katie Barnes (KB) (Deputy Head)	
	Dawn Perrett (Minutes) (DP)	
2	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
	Cheri Frost (CF) (Assistant Head)	
	Isobel Osborne (IO)	
3	MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED UNDER AOB	
	Keeping Children Safe in Education	
	MAT update	
<u> </u>	Governor Re-election	
4	DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTERESTS IN ANY AGENDA ITEM	
	None.	
5	MINUTES OF MEETING – 29.03.2023	
	Under item 13 it should read 'Standard' not 'Statement', Item 24 was SI	
	not SP. With these amendments the minutes were signed off as a true	
	record of the meeting and they were electronically signed by ME.	
6	MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING – 29.03.2023 None.	
7	REPORT FROM BUSINESS COMMITTEE – 03.05.2023	
-	SP highlighted some aspects from the meeting. KB will be going on	
	maternity leave later in the year and her role will be covered by CF. MS	
	mentioned that PB will take over from CF and Becky Mitchell will cover	
	PB as lead of Secondary.	
	RDD was not happy with the school joining SPT MAT and MS to look at	
	other options (discussed under AOB). There was no budget at Business	
	Committee as we are reliant on bursar to complete this and it was not	
	ready for meeting.	
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	MS gave an update; he had received the budget the previous evening,	
	but the C/F was £970K which cannot be correct. At last budget update	
	the C/F was under £200K. MS has asked the bursar to come back, which	
	he is doing on 26 th May. Once this has been verified MS will discuss with	
	TW and circulate to other governors. The revised budget needs to be	
	signed off by 31/5/2023.	
	TW arrived at this point and SP left the meeting.	
	There were no questions.	
8	GENERAL LEDGER	
0	JOURNALS AND VIREMENTS – None.	
9	REPORT FROM PUPIL COMMITTEE – 10.05.2023	
	ME highlighted some points from the meeting.	
	The reports from MLs showed the depth of commitment the staff have to	
	the pupils and the school. RR has also passed her NPQ in Leading	
	Teacher Development.	
	PB thanked SLs for their support, which is evident in the reports given.	
	All progress has been good.	
	IO also gave a very positive report.	
	The school is in a good place staffing wise, will be 100% once an LSA	
	starts in June. The school continue to maintain their 8 Gatsby	
	benchmarks.	
	There were no questions.	
10	MONITORING OF SAFEGUARDING	
	PP reported that she had met with Sarah, CF, Amy, and Liz. There is	
	nothing outstanding. The new recruitment portals are working well and	
	there are no urgent problems.	
	Observation: Is the Brook Traffic Light system 'Amber' or 'Orange' it	
	should be consistent across reports/polices.	
	ME thanked PP for the work she does across the school.	
	We also need to think about succession planning for safeguarding	
	governor.	
11	SAFEGUARDING ALLEGATIONS	
	None.	
12	WELLBEING	
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	ME mentioned that the Wellbeing group had not met as staff have been	
	so busy. It seems that term 6 will be a better time to hold a meeting and	
	may consider holding meetings every long term next year. Things seem	
	to be in a better rhythm since covid and the flooding. MS reported that	
	Ben Tucker is coming into school Friday to give a wellbeing talk. Also, a	
	chiropractor will be visiting and also a quiz.	
13	APPROVAL OF BUDGET	
	Not available at time of meeting. Previously discussed.	
14	IMPACT OF TRAINING DAYS	
	ME explained why the school have an extra training day - to enable all	
	the extra compulsory training required for an SEN school. The report	
	explains what training is given on each day and what impact this has had	
	on the school. All statutory training is given to all relevant staff on these	
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	days as well as some twilight sessions.	
	Challenge Question: As part of fire training, is the alarm set off at	
	random times? PP used to come into school to do this.	
	Answer: Yes, the school does, plans are in place for the pupils who	
	struggle with the alarm going off.	
	In summary the report highlights what would not have been achieved if	
	only given five days. The training has been of higher quality, enabling	
	learning and developing school procedures. Weekly meeting times have	
	been freed up, which helps establish slots for HODs to meet with their	
	teams. Staff are more able to receive training as not tired at end of day.	
	Next year there is a drive from LA to have a Trauma Informed Person,	
	where training can be cascaded down through the school.	
	Question: Do the staff have a choice over training given?	
	Answer: Not really, the training is based on PMI targets, SIP and other	
	legal requirements.	
	Observation: Could the Trauma training be as part of the wellbeing day?	
	Split it between the activity and wellbeing?	
	Admin staff receive their own training on SIMS.	
	MS asked if the school could have six days instead of five.	
	PP proposed, TW Seconded and the governors unanimously agreed	
	to the proposal.	
15	GDPR COMPLIANCE MONITORING	
	MS highlighted the report which had been produced from the system.	MS to look at
	There were more reported due to staff receiving training and being more	GDPR
	aware. All staff have received the relevant training for their roles. There is	governor training.
	also training available for governors' which MS will look into.	
	Question: Do you know which fields have been filled in or not? Is there	
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	There are different types of interventions from a hand hold (for minor	
	incidents), guided walk (low) and firm hold (for serious incidents).	
	Previously not all hand holding interventions were recorded but staff now	
	report every kind of holding.	
	All incidents are reviewed with staff and pupils and CHP updated. Some	
	of these procedures are put in place not just for the pupils but for the	
	staff. All classroom staff have received safer intervention training. The	
	table in the report explains how the figures are produced i.e., percentage	
	of pupils/number of pupils.	
	P16 data is really good which shows with the right support and pupils	
	growing up, how the incidents reduce.	
17	BEHAVIOUR DATA	
.,	The report shows the breakdown of serious incidents and minor incidents.	
	The serious incidents are low/very low with minor being higher, but these	
	are not a risk to anyone, just behaviour issues.	
	Challenge Question: Term 1 seems higher than the rest, so do you have an issue with transition?	
	Answer: Yes, there are some trigger points with transition, new pupils to	
	school, year 6 – year 7. The school hold satellite classes to help with this	
	along with pupils going to lunch and playtimes with the older pupils. Also,	
	sometimes in term 1 staff are newly trained and more likely to report	
	things, also unaware of pupils so do not necessarily know what usual	
	behaviour for that child is.	
	Question: Is there consistency between the classrooms?	
	Answer: Yes, CF is responsible for monitoring and so there is a	
	consistency there, but also classrooms are generally consistent in their	
	reporting. A computerised system will be coming in soon.	
	Observation: The percentage for the whole school, key stages looks	KB to check missing data.
	wrong. There has been not data input for Key stages in the tables.	
	KB to check figures.	
18	PROPOSED CURRICULUM BALANCE - FOR INFORMATION	
	KB had taken this to Pupil Committee, and it was approved. There have	
	been a couple of changes with the addition of Careers and	
	Communication lessons. These will be in place of a PSHE and English	
	lesson. These already happened as part of those lessons but will now be	
	a lesson on their own.	
19	POLICIES FOR APPROVAL BY FGB	
	None.	
20	CONFIDENTIAL ITEM	
	None.	
21	AOB	
	Keeping Children Safe in Education	
	KB highlighted the report showing how pupils are kept safe. All incidents	
	are reported to CPOMS. Some pupils have a Children in Need plan which	
	is lower-level social care (optional), and others have Child Protection	
	is level level been build build (optional), and others have official follocitor	

(non-optional).

Ofsted will look at statistics for sexualised behaviour, so we are now recording this using the Brook Method. Our statistics are based on developmental level not chronological level. The report explains the type of harm which falls into red, amber, green and what action is necessary and the action the school has taken. At the school both the pupil responsible and the victim are followed up following an incident. Staff are given lots of training, which is working well, to improve CPoms within the school.

Question: Are these reflected in the behaviour data, as well as in this report?

Answer: Yes, all data is analysed from CPoms and used in behaviour data.

ME thanked KB and Amy for their hard work.

MAT Update

MS mentioned that this had previously been discussed at Business and	
Pupil Committees. On 18 th April, Ravenswood, Westhaven, Three Ways,	
Briarwood, Baytree and Warmley Park school met with RDD and SPT to	
review MAT developments. There is a clear feeling that the schools want	
a SEND specialist focus MAT. A meeting will be held in June with the LA	
to discuss MAT options. Then the group schools will meet 28 th June to	
agree which partners want to proceed with exploring this further, with a	
proposal date to join a MAT 2024/25.	
A lot of discussion took place, and it was agreed to follow this timeline.	
Question: Would SPT come on board as a consultant?	
Answer: Yes, they would, as well as help from Lighthouse MAT.	
Question: Who is co-ordinating the meeting?	
Answer: Ed from Baytree on behalf of RDD.	
ME mentioned that there could be funding available to set up a MAT of	
between £10K and £50K.	
The governors unanimously agreed to go forward and explore.	
TW suggested that the working group of TW/SP/ME resume as well.	
Governor Re-election	
ME mentioned that IO's term of office runs out in June. IO said she was	
happy to continue but MS to ask if other members of staff would like to	
 take on role or happy for IO to continue. MEETING OUR EQUALITY DUTIES	+
1. ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION & HARASSMENT –	
Safeguarding, Wellbeing Day, RPI Data.	
2. ADVANCE EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY – Curriculum Balance,	
Budget, Training Days.	
3. FOSTER GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN DIFFERENT GROUPS	
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– MAT update, Wellbeing, Training Days.

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24	DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING	
	4.45pm Wednesday 19.07.2023	
	MEETING FINISHED at 18.25pm.	

SIGNED...... DATED