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BOARD of GOVERNORS

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Together we aim for the stars

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors held virtually for Victoria School on
Tuesday 19th October

Members Present via 'Zoom':

Miss Christine O'Callaghan, Chairperson
Mr David Adams
Cllr. Rhiannon Birch
Mrs Sam Daniels
Mr Simon Husband
Mrs Judith Jones

Mrs Helen Kerr
Mrs Sonia McLaughlin
Miss Jeanette Minns
Mr Mark Petherick
Mrs Helen Moreton
Ms Julie Plumb
Cllr. Mark Wilson

Apologies

Mrs Rebecca Connor
Mrs Amanda Reynolds
Mr Rhys Taylor

Apologies were given and accepted by Governors.

Absent

Mr Marc Cahill
Mr Grant Robson

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

SM proposed Miss Christine O'Callaghan as Chair and was seconded by **JJ**.

JJ proposed Cllr. Mark Wilson as Vice Chair, and was seconded by **JP**.

Miss Christine O'Callaghan proceeded to chair the meeting.

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd June 2021

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors held on Tuesday 22nd June were approved by the Governors; proposed by **DA** seconded by **JJ** and signed by the Chairperson.

Head Teacher Update

SD advised that it had been an interesting start to the term as significant positive Covid-19 cases had been recorded. Parents had been very supportive and numerous emails had been sent to reflect this. However, despite this school life has continued with as much normalcy as possible, the health and well-being of staff and pupils being a priority.

SD stated that it had been a busy half-term:

*Parent consultations had taken place

- *Meet the teachers
- *New curriculum information meeting
- *All INSET days had taken place as planned
- *Pupil progress meetings for YR2 had been conducted, meeting for YR6 will take place this week
- *There have been visitors to school
- *This week there were 2 film nights to raise money

SD concluded that we were living with Covid-19 but it was not taking over, school life had not been put on hold!

JJ expressed her congratulations to **SD** and staff for all that had been achieved in such difficult times. This was echoed by **JM**. **Cllr.MW** asked how many staff had tested positive, **SD** advised that there had been 1 case.

Anti-Bullying Policy

The policy had been sent to governors prior to the meeting. It had been written by VOGC and personalized by **SD** in consultation with staff.

The policy highlighted the importance of pre-empting situations, education and understanding. **JJ** commented that it was very comprehensive. **CO'C** asked governors if they were happy to accept and adopt, the policy was unanimously accepted.

Health & Safety Committee

The committee should have met prior to the GB meeting, it had been postponed and will be rescheduled for a later date.

Committee Structure

The structure had been circulated to governors. **JP** agreed to sit on the Redundancy Appeals Committee.

Register of Interest

HM reminded governors that if there had been any changes and they needed to update the register they should contact her.

Safeguarding

JJ will meet with the new ALNCO, Charlotte Brown after half term. **CO'C** suggested that Mrs Brown might be invited to attend a GB meeting to introduce herself.

JJ has booked her safeguarding refresher training.

Correspondence

HM advised that governor support had confirmed **Cllr. MW** had been successful in his application to continue as an LEA governor. He said he was delighted to be able to continue to serve on the GB.

Following the parent governor election **HM** confirmed that the successful candidate was Mrs Cerys McDonald, the parent of a Reception child. Mrs McDonald would attend the next GB meeting.

Any Other Business:

Cllr.MW advised that he is involved with 'Friends of Victoria Square' and wondered if the school would be able to get involved in this community project? **SD** stated that YR5 have already stated their desire to take part in it as it fitted in with their current topic.

Cllr.MW said he had been working with the new food pod that had been set up at St Luke's and was delighted to hear that the school would be partnering with this initiative. **SD**

confirmed that all harvest donations would be sent to the food pod, the children are also taking part in a competition to design a logo.

JM raised a question about the spooky film nights that were being held. **SD** confirmed that age appropriate films were being shown after school, there would be no mention of Halloween.

Matters Confidential

None

Next GB meeting – Tuesday 30th November

Finance & Personnel Committee – Friday 3rd December to start @ 8.30AM