SCHOOL NUMBER 13010

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
GOVERNOR SERVICES

WALVERDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER TERM MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDARDS AND EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE HELD AT THE

SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL 2023 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Mr F Khaliq (Chair for the meeting)
Miss S Agar
Mrs R Bridges
Mrs H Ahmed (Headteacher)

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs R Robson (Observer)
Mrs A Bird (Clerk to Governors)

PART A

ACTION

S24.13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mr R Bashir, Mrs Z Bukhari, Mr P Berry, Mr M Osman, Mr M Renshaw and Mr M Stone.

S24.14 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

S24.15 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 24 JANUARY 2024

It was RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the last meeting be accepted and signed by the Chair as a correct record on behalf of the Committee at the next meeting to be held in school.

S24.16 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

S24.17 UPDATE ON SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Governors had received a copy of the updated school

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improvement plan.

The Headteacher advised that:

Priority one – The school continued working on writing and pulling it all together.
Priority two - Behaviour the school continued to work on that.
Priority three - The School was looking at what clubs were offered and looking at the enrichment map.
Priority four – They had finished lesson visits looking at developing, learning trios were to be utilized as a monitoring tool for staff to reflect on practice and tailoring their own training.

S24.18 REVIEW OF PUPIL PERFORMANCE DATA

Governors received analysis of data for the spring term and achievement data. The Headteacher advised that the data had been pulled from Insight. The Headteacher advised that the colours reflected if there had been improvement. The red stars showed where there had been a drop from the previous term.

The Headteacher advised that it was good to see that greater depth in reading had improved across the school.

Q – Why is that?
A – Through the strategies used in school and how it is taught.

The Headteacher advised that the Talk programme had really made a big difference and three more teachers were doing the training. The Headteacher advised that even low ability pupils were accessing more language. The Headteacher added there had been an investment financially as well as staff.

Q – Has it been moderated?
A – Yes, it is part of the programme to do a morning of moderation each half term.

The Headteacher explained that the sessions felt different to previously, pupils were enjoying the texts. The school was working with consultants and shared resources.

The other document was what was focussed on in pupil progress meetings and they could see trends.

The Headteacher would arrange a separate session on data.

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S24.19 REPORTS FROM NOMINATED GOVERNORS

There were no reports from nominated governors.

S24.20 TEACHING AND LEARNING UPDATE

Governors received a written report on teaching and learning. The Headteacher advised they had done some lesson visits across the school. The Headteacher advised there were some good strengths across the school. Governors noted what teaching and learning looked like in school.

Governors received a safeguarding report and attendance report.

S24.21 CURRICULUM UPDATE

Governors noted the curriculum information contained in the school improvement plan.

S24.22 LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

There was nothing to report under this item.

S24.23 POLICIES FOR REVIEW

There were no policies for review.

S24.24 SCHOOL PROSPECTUS AND HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

The Headteacher advised that she was looking at someone to come in and do a professional school prospectus. The current prospectus was available on the school website.

The Home-school Agreement was circulated to governors.

S24.25 PHWB AND BEHAVIOUR LEADERS *(This item was taken after matters arising)*

Mrs Robson gave Governors an update on Physical Health and Wellbeing. Mrs Robson advised that Faith Ambassadors had carried out assemblies and done really well. An R.E. audit was currently being carried out of resources needed and they also wanted to get out on visits more.

Mr Afsal was currently the PE lead. There were eight sports clubs meeting. Y4 were having swimming lessons however, pupils were still not meeting the standards. Cricket practice had begun so that they could win the Pendle cricket

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competition for a third year. Dodgeball and multi sports took place in the mornings.

Mrs Wainman was the new SMSC leader. A children's mental health week had been held in February. School values were covered at the beginning of each half term. Reflection was ongoing. The school had achieved the Silver award and was now working towards Gold. Parents had been very positive, and the report had outlined the school's strengths.

The school was promoting mindfulness, growth mindset, leadership and communication.

The school had the healthy school award until next year. The school had won the bronze award for Food for Life, and they were the only school in the Northwest to have that. The school had started to apply for the silver award.

A number of residential visits had been done. There was another residential to Coldwell in June and the school hoped to run a camping club next year.

In terms of music and drama the school had taken part in Young Voices and the pupils had been very well-behaved. In the Pendle festival a group of children were singing.
Q – Are hard to reach families an issue?
A - There is quite a mix. The school advertises on Dojo and if someone feels that a child needs to go they will find the money.

Mrs Robson advised there was a good mix of girls and boys although there were more girls singing. Mrs Robson advised they tried to pick pupils who were not shining stars.

Q - Anything tailored towards SEND?
A - Nothing tailored but all are welcome. There will be some specific areas in PE, but all are included and will make adjustments if needed.

Mrs Robson was thanked for her update.

Mrs Robson left the meeting.

Miss N Blundell gave Governors an update on behaviour. The number of behaviour incidents since last year had lowered. Miss Blundell advised that the systems in place were working. The Boxall Profile was completed on a termly basis and allowed the school to track overtime. Y6 mentors were supporting younger children which was working well.

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In restorative practice new members of staff had been trained up and training for welfare staff would be revisited. Restorative practice had been used by some parents who had found it useful. Miss Blundell advised that she believed the Behaviour Quality Mark would be gold standard again. The school needed to make sure that they had the evidence. The school had a child friendly version of the behaviour policy.

Q - What sort of feedback is there from parents?
A – Y6 parents involved had used with their child but they tried it with older children as well. They found the language used the child recognised it.

Q - Have you done parent workshop?
A - There is triple parent workshop held in school.

Miss Blundell advised the family worker would give them support if needed. Staff will have conversations with parents.

Q – In terms of rewarding good behaviour what sort of initiatives?
A - Good to be Green at each stage there are strategies for staff. If Green until Friday, they go into a draw.

Q - With new staff how quickly do they get up to speed?
A - Behaviour is part of induction less experienced staff go into other classes to observe.

Governors thanked Miss Blundell for her report.

S25.26 CONFIDENTIALITY

There were no items deemed as confidential.

S25.27 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date for the next meeting would be agreed at the full Governing Body meeting to be held on Wednesday 19 June 2024 at 6.00 pm.

CLOSING REMARKS

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and continued support and duly closed the meeting at ?? pm.

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