

# Minutes



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## ACADEMY COUNCIL OF BEULAH INFANT SCHOOL

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Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> of July 2017 at Beulah Infant School

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Status</b>
Adrienne Cluer	Community / Vice Chair	Present
Gerrie Ozah	Community	Apologies
Deborah Butler	Head of School	Present
Richard Hill	Board Representative	Present
Fiona Fearon	Co-opted / Chair	Present
Sue Styles	Staff	Present
Jolyon Roberts	EHT / CEO	Present
Lynne Sampson	EHT	Apologies
Yuliana Ortiz	Parent	Present (arr 6:30pm)
Jenette Indarsingh	DHoS	Present

	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1.	<b>Apologies for absence</b>  GO and LS sent their apologies for the meeting and these were accepted.	
2.	<b>Confirmation of quorum</b>  The meeting was declared quorate.	
3.	<b>Declaration of any conflict of interest with items on the agenda and changes to register of interests</b>  There were no conflicts of interest or changes to the register of interests.	
4.	<b>Board/Committee membership changes</b>  There were no changes since the last meeting. A non-teaching staff election will be held in September 2017.	
5.	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2017)</b>  <b>RESOLUTION:</b> The minutes were reviewed and it was agreed that they constituted a true and accurate reflection of the meeting. They were signed by the Chair.	

6.	<p><b>Matters arising not discussed elsewhere</b></p> <p>There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere in the agenda.</p>	
7.	<p><b>SATS Results</b></p> <p>This was discussed under the HoS report.</p>	
8.	<p><b>MAC Training / MAC Visits</b></p> <p>The Chair carried out a safeguarding visit to the school. She has sent her report to the HT and gave a brief description of the content of the visit. She noted that the school go above and beyond in their attempts to ensure that children attend school every day.</p> <p>RH attended training on National Curriculum Primary Maths. The most useful point he picked up at the training was that a number of schools have a governor carry out an observation of the SATS process, viewing the process of the collection and distribution of papers. The Chair confirmed that she had viewed the SATs paper process at Beulah for this year's SATs exams. The EHT suggested that should this process be implemented next year, the MACs who view the process should attend the Trust's briefing too.</p> <p>AC and RH have both completed Prevent training.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Head of School report</b></p> <p>The HoS reported that she was really pleased with the results for this year. The percentage of children achieving GLD this year (75%) is a 1% increase on last year and the results were 6% above last year's national figure.</p> <p>The school was moderated in the EYFS by the LA and the invigilators were very complimentary about staff, including the TAs. The end of KS1 results were also good the percentages achieving age related expectations were Reading 73%, writing 66%, Maths 76% and SPAG 61% . These were in line with or exceeding last year's school result, last year's national and the school targets set with the Local Authority. It was also noted that five children had left during the year so the school had been expecting results to be lower as the children who subsequently came into the school required more support.</p> <p><u>PPG</u></p> <p>Our PPG children made better progress than non PPG, The percentage at ARE were higher than non PPG in Reading and writing but maths and SPAG were the two areas where there was a gap was seen. This will now be a focus for September 2017. A number of the children who had left were high-attaining PPG children.</p>	

### Year 1 results

This is the first year in which the school have been able to have a particular focus on Year 1 and it can be seen that targets have been exceeded in all areas, with the exception of Maths. MACs agreed that the results show the changes made have had a positive impact on the children.

*6:30pm YO arrived*

### Phonics check

The pass rate for Year 1 is 91% which has exceeded the target of 78% set for this year by the LA. It also exceeded last year's national.

*A MAC asked what the HoS thought had been particularly successful. She told MACs that the school had done an audit of phonics resources and of the scheme of work. They had brought in a specialist phonics teacher who trained the staff to continue with best practise teaching. The children themselves really enjoyed the lessons.*

Year 2 had a 94% cumulative pass rate which again exceeded the target set for the year and last year's national.

*A MAC asked whether the successful teaching of phonics had a knock-on effect on reading. This was agreed to be the case. The extensive moderation of the EYFS had also produced improvements as well.*

MACs asked the HoS to pass on their thanks and congratulations to the staff at the school for all their hard work.

### Five Year Trend

The HoS had created a graph showing the trend in results over the previous five years and MACs agreed this was very useful information and also showed the improvement since PAT took over the school.

### PPG and Sports

The end of year report will be uploaded to the website.

*A MAC suggested that parents might find it useful to see the current and on-going information on the Sports premium spending. It was agreed that the EHT would take a look at Google analytics to see how many people actually viewed the page to determine whether it would be a worthwhile exercise.*

**ACTION: JR to review Google analytics regarding the viewings of the sports premium page.**

### Staffing

The HoS noted that this had taken quite some time. She asked that MACs do not share the information until all teachers, children and parents were made aware.

All MACs commended LS for the hard work she had done in recruitment for the whole Trust; it has been a huge achievement to manage to recruit that number of teachers.

	<p>The new Inclusion manager has been very welcome, she is on top of funding for SEN and the school is seeing benefits already.</p> <p><u>Nursery</u></p> <p><i>A MAC asked whether the school had decided to drop one of the two nursery classes. The HoS confirmed that two classes would be going ahead next year as the classes tend to fill up over the course of the first term. She believes that having capacity in the nursery will enable staff to give more time to higher needs children.</i></p> <p>MACs again noted the on-going issue of falling numbers and over-provision in the borough.</p> <p><u>EHTs</u></p> <p>JR reported that both EHTs were very happy with the work that has been done this year in Beulah. This will enable the EHTs to redeploy intensive support elsewhere in the Trust as they are confident that Beulah no longer needs as much support. They believe that with the data reviewed this evening and the obvious improvements in the school in general that the school will receive a "good" judgement at least.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Review categorisation in the SEF early in September 2017.</b></p> <p>The EHT also informed MACs that the finances at Beulah would be reviewed in detail now that the new finance manager is in place.</p> <p><i>MACs remarked that the school has always been welcoming and now the environment has been hugely improved as well. The children are seen as very calm and eager to learn as well as being happy to be there.</i></p> <p><i>A MAC asked the HoS how relations are with the Junior School. She said that relations were cordial and the two schools had been communicating regarding class compositions for next year's Year 3.</i></p>	
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>Safeguarding / Child Protection issues</b></p> <p>There are no significant issues to report.</p> <p><b>ACTION: MACs to receive the Gangs and Local Issues report and sign to agree it.</b></p>	
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b>School priorities (from AIP) / School SEF</b></p> <p>This will be reviewed in September 2017. Reading and extending the HA are a priority across the Trust for next year.</p>	
<p><b>12.</b></p>	<p><b>DfE and OFSTED updates</b></p> <p>There are no updates.</p>	

13.	<p><b>Correspondence to the Chair</b></p> <p>There was no correspondence to the Chair.</p>	
14.	<p><b>Confidential items</b></p> <p>There were no confidential items recorded in the minutes.</p>	
15.	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>There was no other business.</p>	
16.	<p><b>Dates of next year's meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2017</li> <li>• 14<sup>th</sup> of November 2017 – AC will be unable to attend.</li> <li>• 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2018</li> <li>• 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2018</li> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 2018</li> </ul> <p>All at 6pm.</p> <p>MAC meetings are to be uploaded onto the PAT Public calendar.</p>	

There being no further business for discussion the Chair thanked everyone for their contributions.

The meeting closed at 7:20 pm.

Signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting	
Chair's signature	
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