



Minutes

ACADEMY COUNCIL MEETING OF ECCLESBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday, 26th of April 2018 at 5:00 pm at Ecclesbourne Primary School

Name	Position	Status
Kevin Smith	Community / Chair	Present
Louise Jones	Parent / Vice Chair	Apologies
Gerrie Ozah	Community	Present
Adrienne Cluer	Community	Present
Sarah-Jane Martin	Parent	Absent
Erica Reade	Parent	Apologies
Roisin Chapman	Staff	Present
Paul Robins	Head of School	Present
Kelly Hunt	DHoS / Observer	Present
Jo Waters	DHoS / Observer	Present
Jolyon Roberts	Executive Principal / CEO	Apologies
Lynne Sampson	Executive Principal	Present

	ITEM	ACTION LOG NO.
1.	Apologies for absence ER, LJ and JR sent their apologies and these were accepted.	
2.	Confirmation of quorum The meeting was declared quorate.	
3.	Declaration of any conflict of interest with items on the agenda and changes to register of interests There were no conflicts of interest declared or changes to the register of interests made.	

<p>4.</p>	<p>Council membership changes</p> <p>The Chair informed the meeting that it would be best practise for there to be another Chair of the Council as he is now the Chair of the Trust. He has asked everyone on the council to consider whether they would like to volunteer for the position.</p> <p>The Chair also advised that there would be a director assigned to the council so that there was someone else linked with the school on the Trust board level.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting (21st of November 2017)</p> <p>It was noted that the previous meeting had been cancelled due to the snowy weather.</p> <p>It was noted that Roisin's name was spelled incorrectly in the minutes.</p> <p>RESOLUTION: The minutes were reviewed and, subject to the correction above, it was agreed that they constituted a true and accurate reflection of the meeting. They were signed by the Chair.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Matters arising not discussed elsewhere and Action Log</p> <p><u>Matters arising</u></p> <p><i>A MAC asked whether the school is aware of children who are classified as being "without recourse to public funds".</i> The SENCo confirmed that the school was aware of 18 children who were in this situation. She said that they are mostly accessing school well and the school is supporting them with access to foodbank vouchers. PPG money is being used to support these disadvantaged children, regardless of their official classification, as the school is given them money to use as they see fit.</p> <p><u>Action Log</u></p> <p>007: Item is completed and closed. 008: Item is completed and closed. 013: Item is completed and closed.</p> <p>Item 009: only two MACs still to advise completion.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>OFSTED inspection outcome</p> <p>The HoS said that the school is very pleased with the outcome of the inspection. The comments were overwhelmingly positive and he was delighted to see that the inspectors took special note of the nurture that takes place in the school.</p> <p>He said that the areas for improvement in the report were fair and were already a focus at the school anyway. He commented that OFSTED said that in some ways the school was underselling itself.</p>	

	<p>Thanks were given to everyone in the school for their hard work every day that meant that the school received the “good” judgement that it did.</p> <p><i>A MAC noted that references on the school website need to be updated to refer to the 2018 inspection rather than the 2014 inspection as they do currently.</i></p> <p>ACTION: Update website references to 2018 OFSTED.</p>	014
8.	<p>Head of School’s report</p> <p>The HoS confirmed that 60 places had been offered for Reception next year (not nursery as was stated in the HoS report).</p> <p>He also explained that attendance had dropped to 94.4% due to sickness absence for chicken pox (79 cases this year).</p> <p><u>Results</u></p> <p>Currently the children are at 63% combined in Year 6. The school believe that the SATs result will be closer to 70% but ultimately it will come down to how children perform on the day.</p> <p>Pupil progress meetings are taking place this week in order to evaluate which children are missing just one or two aspects which will enable them to reach the combined target. It is believed that there are about 7 to 8 children in this situation.</p> <p><u>PPG</u></p> <p>The PPG gaps were reviewed and it was acknowledged that there was a big gap between the Year 1 PPG and non-PPG children. MACs commented that the data showed the decreasing PPG gap up through the years in the school and agreed that it demonstrated clearly how successful the school’s interventions were.</p> <p>The HoS highlighted the Year 4 figures for “on target based on prior assessment” and explained that this was because this year has had two years of excellent teaching following the implementation of the new KS1 assessment.</p> <p>The HoS said that he feels the school’s position is strengthening each year. The new KS2 curriculum and assessment framework are settling in well and losing their fear factor. He strongly believes that the equal focus on each year helps make Year 6 easier for all concerned.</p> <p><u>Staffing</u></p> <p>The HoS explained the school will be fully staffed for next year as things stand at the moment.</p> <p>The executive principal said that teachers in the Trust were enthusiastic about working in EPS, which she believes is a testament to the school and its management.</p>	

	<p><u>SEN</u></p> <p>A report was tabled at the meeting illustrating the progress of the SEN children in the school. The results are split between PPG and non PPG children.</p> <p>The council agreed that the figures were clear and concise, showing a good picture of the SEN children in the school. The SENCo said that they were putting forward three children in Years 4 and 5 for EHCPs as they are concerned about how the children will fare at secondary level without an EHCP.</p> <p><i>A MAC commented that there was a high number of SEN children in a school of EPS' size.</i> The SENCo agreed that the number was high but the needs, in general, were not.</p>	
9.	<p>Safeguarding Monitoring report / Child Protection issues</p> <p>There has been a high level of engagement with Croydon since their inspection and they have been responsive and helpful. There are a lot of open cases but the SENCo reported that this was not a lot of extra work.</p>	
10.	<p>DfE and OFSTED updates</p> <p>The DfE has changed its data requirements in the census. The DfE will no longer collect information on country of birth and nationality. This is effective from the autumn 2018 census collection.</p> <p>Changes to OFSTED's inspection regime timelines were noted.</p>	
11.	<p>GDPR update</p> <p>Staff training has been rolled out; training for MACs will be completed later in the year.</p>	
12.	<p>MAC Training & School Visits</p> <p>MACs were are the school during the OFSTED inspection.</p> <p>MACs were given the dates of a number of school events for them to attend.</p> <p>26/27th of June: Sports Day 28th of June: Year 5 attending Lanfranc for a visit 12th of July: Year 6 production</p>	
13.	<p>Correspondence to the Chair</p> <p>There was no correspondence to the Chair.</p>	

14.	<p>Confidential items</p> <p>There were no confidential items.</p>	
15.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>A MAC commented on how pleased they were to see that the school is investigating the provision of forest school and doing the daily mile. Staff and children are all keen to be involved in this enrichment activity for children.</p>	
16.	<p>Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 10th of July 2018 at 5:00 pm</p> <p>ACTION: SLT to discuss appropriate times of the year for meetings.</p>	015

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

The meeting closed at 6:35 pm.

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