

# Minutes



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## ACADEMY COUNCIL OF ECCLESBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 2017 at 5:00pm at Ecclesbourne Primary School

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Status</b>
Kevin Smith	Community / Chair	Present
Paul Robins	Head of School	Present
Adrienne Cluer	Co-opted	Present
Gerrie Ozah	Co-opted	Present
Rafaela Silva	Parent	Apologies
Sarah-Jane Martin	Parent	Present
Deidre-Ann Toney	Community / Vice chair	Apologies
Erica Reade	Parent	Present
Louise Jones	Parent	Present
Roisin Dykes	Staff	Present
Jolyon Roberts	EHT / CEO	Present
Lynne Sampson	EHT	Apologies
Kelly Hunt	DHoS / Observer	Present
Karen Hammond	DHoS / Observer	Present

	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies for absence</b>  Rafaela Silva, Deidre-Ann Toney and Lynne Sampson sent their apologies and they were accepted.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Confirmation of quorum</b>  The meeting was declared quorate.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Declaration of any conflict of interest with items on the agenda</b>  There were no conflicts of interest declared.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>MAC membership changes</b>  Yasmin Kitamirike has resigned as a MAC since the previous meeting due to family and work commitments.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting (20<sup>th</sup> of February 2017)</b>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sign minutes from November 2016</b></li> </ul> <p>In item 8 it was noted that the Literacy Centre had been incorrectly called the Learning Centre in two instances.</p> <p><b>RESOLUTION: The committee agreed that the minutes constituted a true and accurate reflection of the meeting. They were signed by the Chair. The minutes from the November 2016 meeting were also signed into record.</b></p>	
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Matters arising not discussed elsewhere &amp; Action Log</b></p> <p>All items on the action log were closed and there were no other matters arising.</p>	
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>MAC training / MAC visits</b></p> <p>AC came to the school to experience “Learning Power” as practised in the school. She provided a report which was circulated with the meeting papers and she gave her impressions of her visit at the meeting. She found that the children were articulate and resilient. They had a very definite view of themselves being active, rather than passive, learners.</p> <p>ER and KS met with Shelley Davis who conducted what was, in effect, a mock OFSTED inspection. MACs were advised to be careful of emotional responses, rather than facts. It was noted that OFSTED were interested in how the school monitors the performance of more able children, particularly those who are receiving the pupil premium grant.</p> <p>GO attended a course on supporting more able children. At the same time, she was involved in an inspection at a secondary school and the inspectors were very focussed on how the school supported the more able; other areas of interest were local risks, involvement in the community and school values. The inspectors asked few questions on the school’s data.</p> <p>SM attended a course with regards to Sports and Pupil premium. Prior to the training, she viewed the sports facilities at EPS and was then able to judge that the school is going in the right direction, particularly with the use of funds to pay professional coaches to teach teachers at the school.</p> <p><i>A MAC wondered whether the purpose of the Sports Premium Grant was to facilitate sports beyond the curriculum. The payment is made to schools by the Government to promote healthy activity at schools and counter the obesity epidemic. At EPS the money is divided between the pupils who are high achievers at sport and for paying professional coaches to coach teachers.</i></p> <p><i>A MAC asked whether the school applies for grants or external funding for sports. It was felt that the return on the work needed to get the grants was insufficient to take time away from the main work of the school; however it would be considered for a larger amount of money.</i></p> <p><b>ACTION: ER to bring details of London Sports to the next meeting.</b></p>	

## 8. Head of School report

The HoS noted that numbers in the school are down, a borough-wide phenomenon due to increasing social mobility and overprovision. Reception has approximately 17 vacancies. A MAC informed the council that the LA says the school is full and no vacancies are available.

The HoS also informed the council that during his meeting with SD she said that OFSTED do not require predictions for Year 6 year end results. MACs agreed that the results for Year 6 are looking good. On questioning, it was clarified that these figures are based on teacher assessment.

*A MAC asked why there is such a difference between Year 1 and Year 2. The HoS said that expectations for Year 1 are quite a light touch, while the expectations for Year 2, being a testing year, are much higher. PAT are looking at increasing the expectations for Year 1 in order to ensure that children finish the year halfway to the expectations for Year 2. Currently they finish approximately one quarter of the way along.*

### PPG Gaps

Gaps mostly compare favourably; Year 2 figures are greater than national. 20 children are PPG and 4 are SEN and supported in this year. Their results are skewing the overall figures for the year.

It was noted that in a number of cohorts PPG children are outperforming non-PPG. *MACs believe that the figures demonstrate that the school is having a positive impact on the children.*

### Parents' Survey

There were 121 responses and they were overwhelmingly positive. The profile of MACs is increasing.

### Staff

MACs congratulated the staff for being able to replace all teacher leavers for September 2017.

### Task group

This group has been very successful this year and the children have benefited enormously from it and responded very well too. The EHT stated that from the board's point of view, the work done was a very good and proportionate response to the fall in figures.

### Sports Premium

The report on the website covers last year's details as required by statute. *A MAC suggested that parents might like to have details from this year.* The EHT stated that this would come to the fore with the new website.

	<p><u>SEN</u></p> <p>The DHoS reported that the method of reporting has been tweaked slightly to better measure how children are progressing. She said that at least 50% of children are progressing at their expected level or better.</p> <p>A new interventions module has been introduced to SIMs but this is under review to determine how applicable it is.</p> <p><u>Child Protection Plans</u></p> <p>The report provided details of the different categories of children in child protection and those discharged but still being monitored. MACs discussed the Young Carers Association and its importance in providing support and respite to young carers.</p> <p><i>A MAC asked whether the school could be challenged regarding children with expressed contact concerns but no court order.</i> The DHoS stated that the school is unable to prevent the child being taken by the contested parent but soft action can be taken.</p> <p><i>Another MAC commented that 18% of the population on the child protection register is very high.</i> They were reminded that this does include children now removed from the register but who continue to be monitored.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Safeguarding / Child Protection issues</b></p> <p>This was previously discussed in the Head of School's report.</p>	
10.	<p><b>School Priorities (from AIP) / School SEF</b></p> <p>There was a minor update to the SEF to provide more detail around the performance of the most able children.</p>	
11.	<p><b>DfE and Ofsted Updates</b></p> <p>The HoS reminded MACs that the Primary Assessment consultation is open until the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 2017. As MACs have an interest in the outcome, he suggested that they should go online and have a look at the detail to register their response.</p> <p><b>ACTION: MACs to go online and review the Primary Assessment consultation.</b></p>	
12.	<p><b>Correspondence to the Chair</b></p> <p>There has been no correspondence to the Chair.</p>	
13.	<p><b>Confidential items</b></p> <p>There were no confidential items.</p>	

<p><b>14.</b></p>	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p><u>Reading</u></p> <p>A MAC suggested that the school look into charities that provide dogs to schools to help children who have problems with reading. This has also been suggested at BINF.</p> <p><u>Defibrillator</u></p> <p>All schools in PAT now have a defibrillator. Training will be arranged with a charity.</p> <p><u>Catering contract</u></p> <p>A catering day was held last Friday. Harrison were awarded the contract. Prices will be maintained for the next two years. <i>A MAC asked how finance was weighted in the decision.</i> The EHT estimated that it was about 30% to 40%</p>	
<p><b>15.</b></p>	<p><b>Date of next meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> of July 2017</b></p> <p>The HoS requested that the first summer meeting next year is held during the first week after SATS testing.</p>	

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

The meeting closed at 7:05pm.

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