



A meeting of the Governing Body of Brompton Community Primary School was held virtually via Zoom on Thursday 25 March 2021 @ 5:30pm

Minutes

Core Functions of GB:

- **Ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction**
- **Holding the Head Teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff**
- **Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money well spent**

Present: Nigel Hebron, Chair (NH); Jane Byrne, HT (JB); David Manning, DHT (DM); Louise Cuthbert (LC) and Paul Forbes (PF)

Absent: Richard Lonsdale; Lisa Forbes, Lorna Hazelwood

In attendance: Caroline Rayner (NYCC Clerk)

PART ‘A’ – PROCEDURAL

No.	Item	Actions
BCP/025/21	Welcome and apologies for absence, and to determine whether any absences should be consented to. All apologies were consented to.	
BCP/026/21	To remind governors of the need to declare interests, pecuniary or non-pecuniary None.	
BCP/027/21	To determine whether any part of the proceedings should be treated as confidential and excluded from the minutes to be made available for public inspection None	
BCP/028/21	Notification of urgent other business There was no other urgent business notified.	
BCP/029/21	To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2021 The minutes were approved as a correct record.	
BCP/030/21	To consider matters arising from the minutes and for which there is no separate agenda item None	
BCP/031/21	Correspondence None	
BCP/032/21	Governor Training None	
BCP/033/21	Safeguarding/Child protection The school had a Safeguarding event recently, which was great and they passed with flying colours. However, there has been a recent safeguarding issue, whereby a gentleman was seen crossing the school field in a hi-vis jacket when all the children were outside at playtime. A TA, who then got Mr Manning, intercepted him – he was from Yorkshire Water on an urgent emergency call. He was angry and very rude when asked for his ID and when questioned. He left the site straight away. JB thought that there was an issue with his identity but he came back with his ID badge and showed it to JB, which all seemed ok. JB asked for a line managers’ number as well so she could verify him. It turned out there were two representatives from Yorkshire Water and they had entered the school property without warning or permission. Mr Manning went to the fence and found the second person there. He had climbed the fence. JB complained higher up the train of command and this was rectified asap and apologies were given out. PF queried the number they had given as being genuine as this can prove to be a fake number who verifies them, but JB trusted what she was given and it did back up with another number they had found online.	



	<p>NYSCP School Safeguarding Audit tool to ratify This has been completed and was ratified by the governing board as acceptable.</p> <p>JB updated that the school had no child protection children now but there are five in need from three families and two early help children. NH asked what early help was, JB explained that this is when a parent can't cope with a child, and they then go to their GP for a referral so that they can get help and assistance. The school then gets the call to help with the assessment of the child and carries this out as requested. LC commented that it is not right that this is a heads responsibility but it's happening a lot nowadays and that the name doesn't help the process really.</p>	
BCP/034/21	<p>Policies for Review (if any) SFVS March 2021 needed ratifying and this was agreed as ok</p>	
BCP/035/21	<p>Pupil premium/Sports premium 60 free school meal children and six service children, not much has changed really. NH asked what would you expect it to be and JB said as per the school size it's quite high. NH asked if was to do with demography and JB said somewhat but the school also receives some children from out of the catchment area that have particular needs or requirements. PF asked what was meant by other schools and if this is across NY or just locally – and JB explained, it's comparable to other schools with a similar setting and pupil numbers etc. The deprivation indicator is actually very high. NH said you would think that there would be a better deprivation for the area but JB confirmed that there is a number of low-income families around this area and also others from out of the area.</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">PART B – RESOURCES</p>	
BCP/036/21	<p>Summary and Detailed budget January & February 2021 Agreed SFVS March 2021 As above BCP/034/21</p>	
BCP/037/21	<p>Staffing JB confirmed that the school will increase the staffing in Year 6 from next academic year and have two smaller classes which she hopes will help them to catch up in time for SATS 2022, after Covid-19 restrictions. Looking at two smaller classes of 16 pupils approx., which will provide more focussed learning. Another Year 6 teacher will be recruited and the advert is now live so let's see what happens. NH said that this is the right thing to do and it will be the helping hand that the pupils will need to get the best chance with their SATS and then going into secondary school. He worried that we set a precedent for future years but we can cross that bridge when we come to it.</p> <p>In addition, a bit more help will be brought in for Year 2 as well, with a HLTA. This was supported by all governors.</p> <p>There are two staff now on maternity leave and Mrs Armstrong is the SENCO lead, so this will be carried out by the Head for now, and Mr Manning will take Years 6,5 & 4; Miss Craddock Years 3,2 & 1 and Miss Grier to take foundation stage. All governors thought that this was great idea.</p>	
BCP/038/21	<p>Premises update No update and the playground is still partly unfinished but didn't have to pay the full amount for it which is an advantage.</p>	
BCP/039/21	<p>Health & Safety update On 12 April the fire and alarm system will be serviced. All staff are testing twice a week for Covis-19 and the Covid bubbles are still continuing.</p>	
BCP/040/21	<p>To consider Performance Management To be discussed at the next meeting</p>	



PART “C” – SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT		
BCP/041/21	<p>SEF – Personal Development, Behaviour and attitudes update This has been updated recently – SEF and SDP were acceptable to the new school advisor but JB admitted that as they had all been remote meetings so far it has been difficult to build a rapport with her .Hopefully will be face soon enough and this can be developed</p> <p>All moving along nicely and continue to work on them throughout the year.</p>	
BCP/042/21	<p>Progress against SDP priorities Carrying out the priorities daily.</p>	
BCP/043/21	<p>Feedback from Link Governors/Parents No link visits carried out due to Covid. LC feels that the school has done a great job throughout. Her daughter has been in a lot as she is a key worker. Her teacher is very responsive. She said that it is great that JB is on the gate every morning and evening greeting the parents and children, and this is a positive thing to see. PF says that it’s been great for his daughter and the link between SeeSaw and actual school is good and consistent. The staff have been working very hard throughout and been very responsive. All very well organised. He feels the Zoom lessons are good on the face of it but feels that the children get bored easily sitting down just listening as opposed to being in the classroom setting. JB was grateful for these comments and she said that the staff have been pleasantly surprised with the level that children are now at, overall. DM said SeeSaw has evolved over the months and the school have changed what wasn’t right. JB said we have learnt from the school closure and this has made them more aware of the children needs. It’s been great to have them back every day.</p>	
PART D - OTHER BUSINESS		
BCP/044/21	<p>To deal with any matters agreed for consideration under item 4 above None</p>	
BCP/045/21	<p>“Website Wednesday” - governors to check the school website before the meeting for updates, information & compliance and raise any issues. Pen portraits still needed for PF, LF</p>	PF/LF
BCP/046/21	<p>“What Impact have we made”</p>	
BCP/047/21	<p>Date and time of next meeting 13 May 2021 @ 5:30pm</p>	
BCP/048/21	<p>AOB Governor Spring Term update had been circulated for info to all Need a governor to carry out interviews of new staff member om 7 May and NH can’t do it. Please let JB know if anyone can provide support.</p>	ALL
Signed: Position: Date:		