



Cromer Junior School
Meeting of the Governing Body
Wednesday 15th March 2023

MINUTES

Present: John Simpson – Chair, Whilhelm de Neve – Headteacher, John Sansby – Vice-Chair, Jo Prior, Livi Charman, Bruce Miller, Adrian Woods

Apologies: None

In attendance: Christine Dancaster – Clerk

ACTIONS challenges DECISIONS

No.	Item	Action
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chair welcomed Livi as our new Staff Governor Lydia Hall has resigned as Governor. No apologies.</p>	
2.	<p>Meeting confirmed by the clerk as quorate.</p>	
3.	<p>Declaration of Interests</p> <p>Governors were reminded that anyone with a conflict of interest must declare it, withdraw from the meeting and take no part in any discussion or decision on a matter.</p> <p>None declared.</p>	
4.	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising</p> <p>Maths Booster classes have started.</p>	
5.	<p>Headteacher Report</p> <p>We have asked for money from the Trust to release a teacher once a week for half a day to bring initiatives to raise aspirations for children, initial funding of £1400 for the first term, Rob Martlew would take back to the Trust Board to explain what we were doing, LC has agreed to take this on. JS asked what this would involve, WDN to send a document out to Governors to explain more.</p>	WDN

	<p>We are looking to create an Aspirations Passport for the children, which Rob Martlew was very interested in. Launching the scheme in September, with a possibility of also inviting parents in to the Aspiration Talks.</p> <p>AW asked whether we would continue with Maths Whizz, WdN explained that we would not be signing up to this again as it is incredibly expensive, offsetting the cost of this with White Rose Maths.</p> <p>JS mentioned that the Infant school are using White Rose, WdN will speak to Nic Stewart.</p> <p>We are looking at a trial PSHE scheme of work as Cornerstones do not cover it, but it is really important in terms of OFSTED.</p> <p>We are in an interesting situation in terms of the curriculum at the moment, in terms of what we are teaching and teaching staff who have left, leading to a change in Subject leadership, which is difficult to manage with part time staff. WdN explained that he had a conversation with Maria Curry (lead inspector at our last inspection), she has put some helpful actions in an email.</p> <p>One of our Teaching Assistants came back on a phased return after being unwell.</p> <p>LC explained some of the issues which Charlie had encountered in his 6 week placement at Costessey Primary School.</p> <p>Maths manipulative training for Teaching Assistants was in connection with White Rose maths.</p> <p>WdN explained NPQ courses which are funded by the DfE at the moment, but schools will fund in the future. Face to face sessions have been in London and mixing with people out of county, which is a huge benefit.</p> <p>We have been fortunate with supply teachers this term, covering the gaps in Year 3 and 4.</p> <p>We have had issues with racism within school and have put certain strategies in place, including a visit from the police and within class. We have also put information out to parents. This explains some of the levels of behaviour.</p>	WDN
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6.	<p>Governor Visits</p> <p>We will record Governor visits in the minutes at each meeting.</p> <p>The Chair has visited 4 times since the last meeting, including the canteen and kitchen, walking around the school and visiting the Nest.</p> <p>JP met with SW to look at the SEND provision and discussed the possibility of carrying out some dyslexia screening. JP is also in each Friday to help with Read to Dogs.</p> <p>BM completed a form last time he was in. Would like to visit, Clerk to arrange visits for the curriculum.</p> <p>JS came to visit WdN and visited classrooms to look at Cornerstones, was very impressed with the resources which were being used and children appeared to be engaged. They also had a discussion around attendance issues.</p>	CD
7.	<p>Governors Prize</p> <p>Discussions took place around Governors providing a prize for teachers to show recognition for work within the concept of aspirations. Governors will formalise the decision, with a view to starting the scheme in September.</p>	ALL
8.	<p>Finance</p> <p>It looks like we have spent about £8k more than we budgeted for so far this year. We have not been asked to do anything in terms of financial spending. Headteachers do not feel that they have a very good overview of their budgets.</p>	
9.	<p>Information from Trust Board</p> <p>Rob Martlew (CEO) is retiring at the end of the Summer Term. Headteachers will be involved in the selection process.</p>	
10.	<p>Dates and Times of Next Meetings</p> <p>5th July 2023 20th September 2023</p>	
12.	<p>AOB</p> <p>WdN presented the updated aims and values of the school for the website; Broadening Horizons.</p> <p>A change was suggested to the wording in the first sentence.</p> <p>BM asked about partnerships with parents. WdN replied that we have Parent classes about to start, a Careers Fayre takes place for Year 6, we</p>	

	will look at re-introducing parent cafes. We also have a PTA and generally good relationships with parents.	
13.	Close of meeting Meeting closed at 19:15 pm	

Signed  (Chair)

Date 17/5/23