



Cromer Junior School
Meeting of the Governing Body
Wednesday 17th May 2023

MINUTES

Present: John Simpson – Chair, Wilhelm de Neve – Headteacher, John Sansby – Vice-Chair, Livy Charman, Bruce Miller,

Apologies: Ady Woods, Jo Prior

In attendance: Christine Dancaster – Clerk

ACTIONS challenges DECISIONS

No.	Item	Action
	<p>Library Presentation by Laura Tapper (Librarian).</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Laura to the meeting.</p> <p>Laura explained to Governors how our library inspires children in the school, 15,000 books have been borrowed by children in this school year. 50 children published in Young Writers novels a year on average. We also have Write around the School.</p> <p>WdN discussed LT doing the presentation to TAs and Teachers. We are unusual in the resource that we have with our Library and Laura. It is Important to note that children in the school enjoy reading and engage with book clubs, as library assistants, as well as EAL accessing books and sessions with Laura in the library.</p> <p>JS asked whether there are any children that don't access the library. WdN replied that through the AR scheme, all children have access to the library, and added that he would be keen to know the statistics of children accessing all services which the library offers. We have put fairly significant funds £100 per month into new books for the library.</p> <p>Governors thanked Laura for her presentation.</p>	
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies: Ady Woods, Jo Prior</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 matter.</p> <p>None declared.</p>	
4.	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising</p> <p>No response from the Trust about raising aspirations.</p> <p>Emma P will get in touch with Infant School about White Rose Maths.</p>	
5.	<p>Headteacher Report</p> <p>We have 8 to 10 teachers in the NEU.</p> <p>WdN noted that there had been change in capacity, with behaviour and the level of Safeguarding that Headteachers now have to deal with so that admin falls behind. WdN explained the situation with the Year 3 girl.</p> <p>Zones of Regulation, strategies to help children deal with their emotions. For the first time, there have been 3 incidents where children have mistreated Chromebooks through anger. Also, seeing behaviour which would be seen more in the home.</p> <p>The SATs admin inspector came round to make sure we were complying with the rules, she was very happy.</p> <p>Health & Safety Inspection, we met all of the requirements from the audit last year, they have given us a new list for this year.</p> <p>Sonia Innes from VNET (also an OFSTED Inspector) visited the school for a Maths Audit yesterday. She was really impressed with White Rose Maths, which is working really well. She spoke with children and teachers, there was a general air of positivity in the school.</p> <p>WdN explained the new Pathways to Write, a writing scheme which is being trialled in school at the moment. Literacy Tree is favoured by the Trust. There has been positive feedback from Year 5 for Pathways to Write. LC commented that she was not impressed with the Literacy Tree so far. Year 4 will now trial Pathways to Write, if successful we will be looking to start in September. The Trust has agreed to trial both for the time being. The Chair commented that the school has reacted to results last year, which is important. We haven't been called to Moderation this</p>	

	<p>year. Alex will be coming in on 9th June, to go through our Teacher Assessments and validate them.</p> <p>JS reported that SPI have Moderation this year.</p> <p>LC NPQ, implementing change within Literacy, interesting talking to other schools and also Secondary schools, LC has been given some brilliant resources. Currently funded by the DfE. The Chair perspective outside Norfolk, LC added that we were the only school in her group who had a designated library and also all schools were very interested in AR. JS asked how much time this takes, LC replied about 1 hour each week, with an assessment in February, which is completely manageable.</p> <p>WdN commented that the Trust genuinely does not have the capacity in the Central Team, which is why our top slice will probably be increased.</p> <p>Exclusions, now 6 as of today, 9 days in total. WdN explained the situation behind the exclusion today, so that Governors can understand the procedures taken.</p> <p>Attendance is slightly above national average.</p> <p>The Base have just hatched some Chicks, LC mentioned that her class loved going to see them. Several classes have visited in small groups.</p>	
6.	<p>Governor Visits</p> <p>CD to keep a list between each meeting.</p> <p>Bruce visited to meet with Whil about the Curriculum.</p> <p>The Chair has visited 4 times including checking the SCR.</p> <p>John Sansby visited to speak with Whil about RotaryAid.</p> <p>Jo Prior visits the school each week for Read2Dogs.</p> <p>Ady Woods visited to run through the last Health & Safety Audit.</p>	CD
7.	<p>Finance</p> <p>We have a Budget Setting meeting this Monday afternoon. Latest budget figures were circulated.</p> <p>Information from Trust Board</p>	

	<p>The Chair attended a meeting a couple of weeks ago, they are investing again in some training courses for Governors, which we can vote for. The Chair suggested a Pupil Premium course.</p> <p>Email protocol, emails shouldn't be taken home, or replied to before 8.30am.</p> <p>The Chair added that we were going to try and be involved with moving the Trust forward. WdN replied that we are influencing in certain areas. Discussions around the Trust.</p> <p>Discussions around the Effective Governance Training which took place last night.</p>	
8.	<p>Dates and Times of Next Meetings</p> <p>5th July 2023 20th September 2023</p>	
12.	<p>AOB</p> <p>JS - Training</p> <p>OFSTED for Governors - there is a list of all the questions that OFSTED may ask. It would be useful to arrange a time to go through these questions.</p> <p>BM asked about access to Art Therapy. WdN replied that we do have an Art Therapist who comes in once a week. She works with 3 children a week. BM it is very good that we have access to an Art Therapist.</p>	CD
13.	<p>Close of meeting</p> <p>Meeting closed at 19:50 pm</p>	

Signed..........(Chair)

Date.....5/7/23.....