

Guilden Morden Governing Body Committee meeting – 24th November 2016

Held at Guilden Morden CofE Primary School

7pm start

Committee Members:-

Alan Wright HT	Governor	Present
Anna Fettiplace	Governor	Present
Judith Davis Roach	Governor	Present
Ninette Taylor	Governor (Vice Chair)	Present
Mark Robinson	Governor (Chair)	Present
Sarah Fryer	Governor	Present and minute taking

Also Attending: Paul Walker, DEMAT

Raiseonline / Inspection dashboard, Standards and Attainment, Current position

Considered under Part 2 Confidential minutes

Protocol for Governors

MR talked about the first 3 weeks of governance, and we have one possible staff governor come forward. Parent governors – have asked for them on the newsletter week before last, and will put on in the coming week. There has been no interest so far, but the coffee morning on the 9th Dec could be a place to recruit. JDR raised that some parents are concerned about being a governor and it was agreed that good role models on the 9th could be useful.

It was agreed that we had made progress in 3 weeks but there was more to do:

1. Safeguarding training – it was agreed that PW would provide us with some dates for rescheduled safeguarding training for a week day evening **Action PW... and completed!**
2. Our training – what do we need and how do we work together as a GB? Beginning by looking at how Bourn work since they are an outstanding school. AW will discuss this with the HT. **Action AW** Also, can decide on which training to purchase at the next meeting **Action MR/NT**
3. Planning – what is our plan of visits? This could be a separate meeting – to be agreed at the next meeting. **Action AW** Also, PW to provide a timeline plan **Action PW**

Roles for governors: statutory ones SEN, Looked after children, Safeguarding and 2 other... plus other areas that are decided are priorities

Finance

NR met with Nick Hills last night, but he was unable to present the figures since there needs to be a conversion to a different financial year.

There is support that DEMAT can help us with. There are some lines in the finances that are likely to stand out but we can go through these with Nick. The funds for becoming an Academy are available

to us since DEMAT financed the change over. The way this money is spent has to be agreed with DEMAT and has certain conditions attached to it such that it must be used for school improvement not capital or environment.

Obviously the concern is that the budget that we are currently working with is based on a full pupil cohort, yet we are at approx. 50% capacity, which will be a reduction in budget. However Nick did know schools our size that are financially viable.

JDR raised the concern that we had lost our playground and that this could have a large negative impact on children wanting to come to this schools. NT was concerned that, when looking at the school last year, it had been the worst that she has looked round in terms of the learning environment.

JDR that the Parish Council is checking whether it is possible to submit a request for a path along the outside of the school where there is none currently.

NT rang governors service re next training for Induction for New Governors – PW stated that DEMAT will be providing their own training in the near future.

Agreed that Safeguarding Training to be at Anna's on 12th December at 7.30pm

Action ALL – check school governor email address and can be looked at the next meeting.

Thank you to Mark for the work that he has done with Alan and for the Governors.

Thanks to Alan for his full update.

The meeting finished at 9pm