

**Wednesday 6th October 2021**

**Record of Governors Finance Meeting**

Present: DH (Chair of Committee) PS, CB, GC, AL (observer), TH, GC, JT, JV

1. Opened the meeting in prayer.
2. There were no apologies.
3. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed to be an accurate
4. There were no matters arising that were not covered by the Agenda.
5. Budget report for Governors:
  - NOR 103 children; 12 Nursery pupils.
  - CB requested that school increase Nursery numbers to 13. Reception is full at 15.
  - It was suggested that rather than change the policy, we could allow one extra pupil for this cohort.
  - CB talked about the current financial forecast. Electricity and gas are running high.
  - CB proposed that the Covid catch up grant of £7000 be used to appoint an Early Careers Teacher for a 6 months contract in Oak class, to support pupils in Y5 and 6. CB stated that this class had the greatest need post Covid.
  - There is also a tutoring grant of £275. How this money is spent needs to be recorded on the Census.
  - There is also a Recovery Grant of £1000, which must be spent before 1st April. It was requested that this money could be spent on additional tutoring for targeted children.
  - Staffing increases have been put in to the budget prior to Performance Management. The unions have asked for a 1.75% increase
  - £5000 will be taken out of the budget for Crossing Patrol. Two staff members completed the training, but the situation is untenable. The Governors agreed that it is LA responsibility to replace Crossing Patrol when absence occurs and staff should not perform this duty.
6. Staffing Update

Acorns: TM

Willow: HS & BC

Beech: AL & JT

Oak: HB & RB

7. Pupil premium: there are 7 Ever 6 pupils and 1 Post LAC child. Details were given as to how this money is spent and this can be found on the website.
8. Sports partnership Funding update: CB reported on spending, including buying into Bury competitions etc.
9. Peelers Report to Governors:
  - Discussion took place regarding staffing and also regarding rent for use of the building. The money for this to be transferred to the Governors Account for use with buildings 10% etc.
10. SCA and DFC bids:
  - SCA used to be called LCVAP. This gets distributed by the Diocese. Bids are submitted and finance is allocated.
  - CB reported that school appointed a new architect. CB reported that the DFC and SCA have been combined for the EYFS outside area and the back of school land. The contract was awarded to GB Homes.
  - Work has stopped at present due to inclement weather. CB reported that the work at the back land would be finished by Christmas.
  - Governors asked if we had risk assessments. CB to check.
  - The Governors stated that the land at the back should not be used under any circumstances until work has been completed.
  - CB reported that there is signage at the back for external people.
  - CB stated that the PTA have been asked and have agreed to make the 10% contribution.
  - Governors asked why Governors were not involved in the plans or agreement of the project.
11. AOB:
  - Governors asked about the School Improvement Partner. CB explained that she had moved from the LA to an independent SIP.
12. The meeting was closed in prayer.