

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NESTON SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY
HELD ON 26th JUNE 2019

1. Present: Gillian Pratt (Chairman); John Andrews; Tim Awmack;
David Blamire-Brown;
Pam Evans; Gill Fox; Mark Garrett; Andrew Mortimer;
Ken Pratt
Renee Pardoe (Business Manager) Margaret Carey (Clerk)

2. Apologies: Tash Patrick

3. Declaration of Interests relating to items on the Agenda: Nil

4. Chairman's announcements: Gillian stated that this was Tim's last Governors meeting and thanked him on behalf of everyone for all his input over the years.

Gillian will circulate a revised list of dates for forthcoming meetings

5. Minutes: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th March were signed as being a true record.

6. Matters Arising: Nil

7. Budget for 2019-20:

Renee gave a presentation on the proposed budget. One of the main changes was that the Teachers' pensions were paid by the School. A grant is then received for this. This will form part of the funding certificate for the next financial year. This amounts to an extra £15k per year.

The PE & Sport grant will be ceasing next year.

The water costs had doubled since hand washing had been more focused. It was agreed to monitor the meters at the weekends and during the school holidays.

The total income is £890,802 and total expenditure is £895,647 giving an in-year deficit of £4845.

The income and expenditure for the Capital budget is £6115

Q. Would the school be exploring ways to reduce the in-year deficit?

A. There is a high level of children with Special Educational Needs. The school would be looking at restructuring the TAs to support the SEN children coming into school and will actively look at ways to reduce the in-year deficit

The budget was agreed

8. IT Provision update: Following the full report given in the Finance Report of 15th May David and Renee gave a presentation which showed:

- Current IT provision
- Vision for the future
- Current provision and what needs to be replaced
- Objectives for future provision – supplying 35 ipads
- Benefits to the School - the school would become Apple Accredited

There was an audit of the current provision and how the new provision would be funded

The total expenditure would be £25360

FoNS would contribute £8160

The remainder would come from some of the rollover and from Capital funding

Forward costs for 5-10 year provision were given. The main expenditure would be the replacing of the ipads every four years. Hopefully, in principle, this could be covered by FoNS.

Austen Challoner had met with Weston Computers. Weston Computers were satisfied that the current WiFi could meet the proposed provision.

Pam gave a presentation on the implementation of IT – Phase One. Chloe's class would be set up first and Chloe would take the lead on this. Any was working with the Deputy HT at Corsham Primary to deliver see-saw programme across the school and his class would be set up in Phase Two.

It was **recommended** that the school proceeds with the purchase of the 35 ipads etc as opposed to the leasing option.

The Finance Committee meetings would regularly review the ongoing provision.

9. Report from the Finance, Staffing and Premises Committee: The report of the meeting held on 15th May was submitted and agreed.

GDPR Policy: The policy had been reviewed by the Data Protection Officer and changes made. John had reviewed the policy and this was formally adopted.

SSFMS: This was agreed and will be signed

Addendum to the Catering Contract; This was agreed and signed.

Thanks were given to Renee who left the meeting.

Andrew will liaise with Tim regarding taking over the contract re the school grounds

10. Correspondence: This had been circulated. Clerk to forward a copy of the Newsletter to all Governors
It was agreed that school emails be set up so that Governors can access Right Choice website.

11. Head Teacher's report: This had been circulated.
There were currently 204 children on roll with 214 forecast in September.

Pam reported that there had been a fixed 2 day exclusion of a child which had been supported by the parents.

Q. John felt that it was difficult to get the SEND information from the report

A. Pam replied that she had identified the needs – however the multiple needs of each child had to be shown but the identify of individual children could not be disclosed.

It was agreed that the Governors need to look at the whole provision across the school and the progress of the children and how the Pupil Premium etc had been spent.

There were currently 30 children in Reception with 9 children on the waiting list. There were also waiting lists for Years 3 and 4

Attendance – Pam was working to get 96% attendance across the school.

Staffing – Chloe will have a Student for terms 1 and 2 and also 5 and 6 next year. Andrea will mentor the NQT

There is an SLT meeting every morning. The Tuesday meeting had been extended to make sure that all monitoring issues were covered.

Pam outlined the work she was doing at other schools.

SEF for next year – Pam was hoping that there will be training with Geraldine Tidy, an Ofsted inspector.

Caspar work will replace the School Improvement Advisor. Pam reported that she, together with Jo French, Mark Solomon and Geraldine Tidy had gone into each other's schools and looked at Maths provision. Pam stated that Maths No Problem should be used flexibly and reflectively. The pace of lessons should be set so as not to hamper learning. The Behaviour Policy had been rewritten. There are a number of children with ADHD and the school was continually monitoring the impact of the policy.

Pam reported that the phonics scores this year should be above nation.

KS1 data:

Reading - above national average
Writing - below national average
Maths - above national average
Science - In line

KS2 data

SATS results are not yet in for reading and maths. Writing – 95% with expected or greater depth. Science – 100%

Thanks were given to Pam for her comprehensive report

12. Curriculum Standards and School Improvement Committee: The report of the meeting held on 1st May 2019 was submitted and adopted.

The Parents Survey had been carried out on Survey Monkey

SEND Policy – This has been updated

Social networking and ESafety Policy – John to review this

Behaviour Policy – There will be a parents meeting in September. The policy will be published at that time. A copy of the Behaviour Policy will be circulated to all Governors. **Action: PE**

13. Dates of next meetings:

Full Governors	-	25 th September 2019 13 th November 2019 11 th March 2020 24 th June 2020
Finance, Staffing & Premises	-	9 th October 2019 5 th February 2020 20 th May 2020
Curriculum Standard & School Improvement	-	16 th October 2019 22 nd January 2020 6 th May 2020

Chairman

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm