

MINUTES OF THE SPRING TERM MEETING (1) OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
RAWMARSH RYECROFT INFANT SCHOOL HELD VIA ZOOM ON
THURSDAY 12th MAY 2022 AT 5.15PM

PRESENT:

Mr C Oxe (Chair), Mrs L Owen (Vice Chair), Mrs K Blythe (Head), Mrs H Anderson (Deputy Head), Mr A Hayes, Mrs J Tate, Miss C McGorrigan, Mrs J Abbott, Miss J Martin.

Also attending: Mrs G Marson (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

3. ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

Mrs Blythe brought to the attention of the meeting that numbers for next years FS2 intake had been received and that these were lower than projected at 42 pupils. This will affect the budget; this was discussed, and it was agreed that with the reduction in staff numbers already happening this year, no further decisions need to take place as yet. This will be monitored throughout the year.

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Mrs Blythe also shared that a change in DfE policy requires schools to be open for a minimum of 32 hours per week by September 2024. This will mean an increase of 5 minutes per day for Ryecroft. Mrs Blythe will liaise with Rosehill to see how best this can work.

4. STANDARD ONGOING ITEMS

Governors Training Signposting

There is an NGA Orientation training session taking place during May that Governor's

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can book on to.

Mrs Marson to circulate link to Governor's to book onto the training.

Curriculum Lead Presentation

Miss R Horsfield joined the meeting to provide a presentation update on the History curriculum in school.

Governor Question from JA – Will the enquiry method be fed throughout school? R

Horsfield confirmed that this would be happening throughout school and that this advice was received via Curriculum Lead meetings.

Adoption of new policies

Prior to the meeting Governors were provided with copies of the following policies for approval:

- Homework Policy
- Complaints Policy
- Mobile Phone Policy

Governors were all in agreement that these policies were to be approved.

5. UPDATE ON SCHOOL PRIORITIES

Headteachers Report

Prior to the meeting, Governors had been provided with a copy of the Headteachers. KB talked Governors through the key points, which included:

- Interventions have been increased for RWInc in preparation for the screenings.
LO to share information regarding RWInc with Mrs Blythe.

Governor Question from CO – Can we evidence that we have worked to close the gap with the extra funding received? Mrs Blythe explained that yes, there is evidence to show that school have gone above and beyond to work with groups of pupils.

Governor Question from JA – Pupils always receive math's homework, but not much writing homework, is there a reason? Mrs Blythe explained that this is true, and that more writing homework will be happening in future, such as sentence starters.

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- The School Improvement Plan:
 - There are some items that are still in red that will now be included in next years SIP.
 - Staff are currently looking at ‘deep dives’ into subjects, with SLT acting as Ofsted.
 - Attendance – there has been a new government paper released recently around attendance; this is a main area to work on with the emphasis being on schools to manage it.
 - Safeguarding – all safeguarding issues go through the CPOMS system. This will be developed more moving forward.
 - H Anderson is to undertake Senior Mental Health Lead training that is provided through government funding.

6. **COMPLIANCE MATTERS**

Approval of 2022/23 Budget

Prior to the meeting Governors had been provided with a copy of the initial budget plan for 22/23 financial year. Mrs Marson talked through the budget and explained that if numbers continue as is, there is a possibility of a deficit budget in 24/25 financial year. This was okayed by the Governors.

Governors were in agreement to approve the initial budget planner.

Consideration of the Emergency Plan

Prior to the meeting Governors had received a copy of the schools Emergency Plan. Mrs Blythe explained the differences between this policy and the Business Continuity Plan, with the main points being length of time of potential school closures and how these would be communicated to parents.

Governors were all in agreement that the Emergency Plan policy is to be approved.

Approval of Appraisal Policy

Governors had been provided with a copy of the Appraisal Policy prior to the meeting. Mrs Blythe read through this at the meeting.

Mrs Blythe will check if the same person from the LA can be available for the Headteachers appraisal.

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Governors were in agreement to approve the Appraisal Policy.

Benchmarking

Governors had been provided with a copy of the most recent Benchmarking Report. Mrs Blythe read through the highlights of this and explained that it is very difficult to benchmark Ryecroft against other schools, due to reasons such as size, pupil premium percentage and SEN numbers.

7. GOVERNING BOARD MATTERS

The Governing Board discussed the composition and membership of the Board and it was agreed that this would remain the same, with the addition of J Martin being added as the Training and Development lead.

Mrs Marson to update and send the list to the LA.

8. GOVERNING BODY MINUTES

Governors had been provided with Minutes for the previous meetings held on 3rd March 2022 and were asked to approve these documents.

Governors were in agreement that the minutes of the above-mentioned meetings be approved. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

9. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There was no other urgent business.

10. CONFIDENTIALITY

Mr Ozer reminded all attendees of the meeting of the importance of confidentiality and that areas of discussion were not to be repeated outside of the meetings.

11. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Summer Term Meeting 2 – Thursday 30th June 2022 at 5:15pm (In-person)

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