

MINUTES OF THE SPRING TERM MEETING (1) OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
RAWMARSH RYECROFT INFANT SCHOOL HELD ON
THURSDAY 30th JUNE 2022 AT 5.15PM

PRESENT:

Mr C Oxe (Chair), Mrs L Owen (Vice Chair), Mrs K Blythe (Head), Mrs J Tate, Miss C McGorrigan.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mrs H Anderson (Deputy Head), Mr A Hayes, Mrs J Abbott, Miss J Martin, Mrs G Marson (Clerk)

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

Mrs K Blythe asked the Governing Board to approve the extension the school day by 5 minutes that will be added to the end of the day. This is to bring school in line with the Governments instruction that schools should be open for 32 hours per week. Mrs K Blythe explained that adding the time to the end of the day will support the quality of story times.

There will be a budget implication due to the extension of TA's days that will be addressed.

Governors were all in agreement that this extension to the school day be approved.

4. **STANDARD ONGOING ITEMS**

Governors Training Signposting

Governors were provided with a link to the new Implementing School Reform white paper prior to the meeting.

Curriculum Lead Presentation

Mrs S Hill joined the meeting to provide a presentation update on the EYFS curriculum in school.

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Governor Question from CO – Is language being poorer directly linked to the pandemic? Mrs S Hill explained that in the most part this is correct. Parents likely did not put in the same work with children during the pandemic that they would have experienced if they had been in a setting.

Governor Question from CMc – Do parents get involved with NELI and why aren't Ofsted interested in GLD? Mrs S Hill replied that parents do not get involved with NELI, this is just an intervention used by school. With regards to Ofsted and GLD, Mrs K Blythe answered that the EYFS outcomes do not correlate to KS1 and so this is the reason they are not as interested.

Governor Question from KB – Does Mrs S Hill feel that she has clear idea of the FS2 action plan for the next two years? Mrs S Hill explained that FS2 will be following the NCT/White Rose for the maths scheme, but the communication and language side of learning still needs addressing.

Adoption of new policies

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

- First Aid Policy

Mr C Oxer asked for a section to put into the policy referencing what support will be provided for the first aider after an incident. **Mrs K Blythe to action this.**

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

5. **HEADTEACHER'S REPORT**

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

- Attendance – this is still an issue at the moment. Advice has been sought from the LA around fining and this is something that will be happening moving forward. Mr C Oxer suggested also that this is likely to get worse with the cost of holidays and more parents choosing to book them during term times.
- School have received very positive feedback about the EIS Sports Day and the recent stay and plays, both of which were well attended.
- Data – **Governor Question - Mr C Oxer asked the question about whether benchmarking has been brought in line to show that all children are not in the same position after COVID.** Mrs K Blythe confirmed that this has not yet been put in place.

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6. **COMPLIANCE MATTERS**

Impact of the PE and Sport Premium

Mr S Butler joined the meeting as the PE curriculum lead in school to provide feedback about the impact of the PE and Sport Grant that school receive each year.

Governor Question from CO – Has any money been carried over or has it all been spent in one year? Mr S Butler explained that while no money has been carried forward, this was spent on resources that year groups moving forward will benefit from, i.e. the FS2 outdoor area and the new provider of PE delivery. Staff have learned lots from Mr Rocket, who is in school each week.

7. **GOVERNING BOARD MATTERS**

This was discussed at the last Governors Board meeting and agreed that this would remain the same, with the addition of Mrs J Martin being added as the Training and Development lead.

Mrs G 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 12th May 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**

C Oxe asked that at the next meeting, the cost-of-living crisis be added as an agenda item, so the impact of this in school can be discussed.

10. **CONFIDENTIALITY**

Mr Oxe 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.

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11. **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Autumn Term Meeting 1 – Thursday 6th October 2022 at 5.15pm
Autumn Meeting 2 – Thursday 1st December 2022 at 5.15pm
Spring Term Meeting 1 – Thursday 26th January 2023 at 5.15pm
Spring Meeting 2 - Thursday 9th March 2023 at 5.15pm

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