

MINUTES OF THE AUTUMN TERM MEETING (1) OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
RAWMARSH RYECROFT INFANT SCHOOL HELD ON
THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2023 AT 5.15PM

PRESENT:

Mrs J Abbott (Vice Chair), Mrs K Blythe (Head), Mrs H Anderson (Deputy Head), Mrs J Tate, Miss C McGorrigan, Miss J Martin, Mrs G Marson (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr C Oxer (Chair), Mr A Hayes, Mrs L Owen.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There was no declaration of interests.

3. ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

MAT Update

Mrs K Blythe updated the meeting that she has had conversations with both Wickersley and DSAT MATs about the possibility of becoming part of an Academy. At present, school is in a good position after the recent Ofsted inspection and its outcomes. Mrs K Blythe also plans to look at JMAT and White Woods Academies and will feed back to Governors when she has more information.

Governor Question – Miss C McGorrigan asked what the benefits are to joining a MAT? Mrs K Blythe explained that all processes and policies are more centralised within an academy and are rolled out through the schools; any possible options would have to present to the Governors.

Governor Question – Miss J Martin asked what the impact has been for schools who have already joined MATs. Mrs K Blythe fed back that Monkwood had recently joined a MAT and it was working very well.

4. STANDARD ONGOING ITEMS

Report of Pupil Attainment and Progress

Governors had been provided with copies of the report prior to the meeting. Mrs K Blythe read through the report. Points from this included:

- Attainment is very good currently.

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- There are less children in FS2, which means it is easier to catch any issues. Reading & RWI outcomes are good in FS2.
- There is a lot of work to do in Year 1 and Year 2, but there a good number of children working above expectations and a large number of SEN working below.
- Assessments will still take place in May/June to see where children are working at.
- White Rose Maths is now being used across the whole school.
- Data is similar to this point in the year as last year.

Governor Question – Mrs J Abbott asked when children move to abstract with White Rose? Mrs K Blythe explained that children are now streaming in Year 2 so this enables school track where and when any movement needs to be. It is slightly different in Year 1 as children are monitored individually.

Update on School Improvement Plan

The School Improvement Plan was approved at the start of the school year and was RAG rated in the Autumn Term. Mrs K Blythe explained that this has been changed to make it more user friendly. Some of the outcomes are currently red or amber as these will not be completed until the end of the academic year. Each priority was discussed and the main issues from these were:

- Priority 1 – Subject Leaders are all clear on what is expected for their area.
- Priority 2 – There have been cultural changes around behaviour. School are introducing ‘Zones of Regulation’, which will include scripted speech and restorative conversations so that all staff are consistent. The traffic light system is no longer being used and a lot of work is being put in to the break-time offer for children, with more equipment and areas available. Aspire are also currently working with two children individually.
- Priority 3 – Ofsted had made a comment after their inspection around children being aware of school rules. To help with this, school values have now been incorporated into three sentences. The Pupil Leader team is still working well.
- Priority 4 – RoSIS is continuing to be used for staff CPD and the Infant Head’s Partnership is very helpful. A Safeguarding Audit will take place in April to follow-up last years. A Year 2 pupil has received a two day suspension; Mrs K Blythe will be carrying out a home visit to this week. Team Teach refresher training has been booked in for all staff to attend.

Governor Question – Miss C McGorrigan asked what Team Teach was. Mrs Blythe explained that it is the safe use of physical intervention, should it be needed.

- Priority 5 – CDC referrals are being completed sooner.

Governors Visit Template

Mrs K Blythe shared a template with the meeting that can be used by Governors moving

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forward for them to log any visits they make to school.

Action – Miss C McGorrigan to book in to visit school to look at Maths.

Action – Mrs K Blythe to arrange for Rosehill Juniors Year 6's to come for a visit to read on World Book Day (7th March).

5. GOVERNING BODY MATTERS

Reports from Board Member

There were no reports to be shared at the meeting.

Training & Development Priorities

There were no training and development priorities to share with the meeting this time.

6. GOVERNING BODY MINUTES

Governors had been provided with minutes for the previous meetings held on 30th November 2023 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.

7. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There was no other urgent business.

8. CONFIDENTIALITY

Mrs K Blythe 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.

9. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Spring term 2 – Thursday 14th March 2024 at 5.15pm
Summer term 1 – Thursday 9th May 2024 at 5.15pm
Summer term 2 – Thursday 4th July 2024 at 5.15pm

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Actions Table

	Action	Who Responsible	Completed
1	Circulate skills audit document to governors.	G Marson	Yes
2	Produce an information document for governors, to include attendance.	K Blythe	
3	Arrange for Miss N Moxon to attend the next governors meeting to discuss attendance.	G Marson	
4	Arrange for Mr C Oxer be booked onto Safer Recruitment Training.	G Marson	Yes
5	Bring NGA completed audit to next meeting.	G Marson	
6	Forward techniques and information around mental health to K Blythe.	J Martin	Yes
7	Miss C McGorrigan to arrange to visit school to look at Maths.	C McGorrigan	
8	Arrange for Rosehill Juniors Year 6's to visit on World Book Day.	K Blythe	

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