

## Minutes of a meeting of the Governors of Halwin Primary School ; Monday17th June 2019. Minutes

Present:			
Dr Loveday Jenkin (Chair)	IJ	Anita Street	AS
Richard Lawrence (Headteacher)	RL	Eve	E
Roger Wedlake	RW	Rebecca Beasley	RB
June Nisbet	JN		
Rachel Bickerton	RB		
Thomas Richardson	TR		
		Janet Standring (Clerk)	JS
Pecuniary Interests:		Apologies;	
The declaration of interests was completed by the new Parent Governor		Graham Vallender	GV

No.		Action
1	Minutes of the last meeting	
1.1	The minutes of the last meeting of the 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 were	
	approved to be accepted as a true record. All in favour	
2	Matters Arising; None presented	
3	Notification of Newly appointed Governors;	
3.1.	Rebecca Beasley; Parent Governor introduced herself to the	
	Governors present	
3.2	The second Governor vacancy would be advertised in September	RL JN
	unless a suitable person could be co opted	
4	Urgent Matters for discussion;	
4.1	An appointment had been made to cover the maternity leave of a	
	member of the teaching staff in September. This was an out of	
	County appointment but the person had been covering a	
	temporary vacancy at Porthleven School	
4.2	Year 4 split letter will be sent out to affected parents in the next	RL
	week or so	
4.3	Q; Is the school likely to be able to form an additional class?	
	A; The school needs to have approx 100 children in order to be	
	able to afford an additional class teacher, this is not likely to	
	happen over the next couple of years	
4.4		

	The Trust have undertaken their support staff pay re structure,	
	historically there has been casual pay for staff covering PPA. As	
	these people were paid on a casual basis they were put on a lower	
4.5	grade, this issue needed to be resolved	
	It is also hoped that support staff involved in planning and	
	preparation should be paid for this work. RL stated that he valued	
	the TA workforce and considered it very important that the work	
4.6	they carried out should be recognized	
4.0	In some cases TA's are used as cover supervisors, using someone	
4.7	else's planning in this case they would be paid at the lower grade	
	Halwin was in the unusual position that they used their TA's for	
	supply cover, this was due to the excellent TA workforce in the	
4.8	school	
	Hours had yet to be finalised and pay would be backdated once	
	sorted	
5.	Operational Risk Register;	
5.1.	Two extra sections covering pupil well being and staff well being	
	had been added to this document.	
5.2.	It would be reviewed again in the Autumn term.	
5.3.	Negligent actions could cause harm to pupils but the liklihood of	
	this is relatively low.	
5.4	External support could be offered to staff members if required to	
	reduce the risk	
5.5	Q; Are changes to the premises repairs affecting this?	
<u> </u>	A; The Health and Safety Officer from the LA had been looking at	
	compliance analysis in schools to pick up any gaps. The time	
	frame for extra compliance checks was being updated	
5.6	This was considered by Governors and a Health and Safety Walk	
5.0	had taken place. It was considered that the risks were being	
	minimised	
	minimised	
6.	Head teachers Report;	
6.1.	The number of persistent absentees in the school had reduced and	
5.1.	this meant that the school was now above the national average	
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6.2.	One child had returned to the country of her parents birth for a month and this fell within the absence that could be authorised	
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6.3.	There were a number of unauthorised absences due to holidays in	
	term time	
6.4.	A number of families were being scrutinised, as absence did have	
	an affect on their outcomes, and resulted in gaps in the childrens'	
	knowledge	
6.5.	To date the school has not applied any fines, but this needed	
	constant monitoring.	
6.6.	It needed to be considered how children could be rewarded for	
	good attendance	
6.7.	3 accidents had been reported through the new LA system, no	
	pattern had been perceived	
6.8	No exclusions presented	
6.9	13 Children on SEN support	
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7.8.	LJ would be meeting RL on Thursday to look at the Single Central	LJ RL
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	enthusiastic about their work	
7.7.	RW had looked at books and reported that the children were very	
,	always realise that they were doing this	
7.6.	The children are undertaking a lot of active maths, but did not	
	Policy, the y4 children had had time to undertake tables tests online	
·-J-	undertaken for the testing in Maths. He had looked at the Trust	
7.5.	RW had visited KS2 to look at Maths Mastery and the work	
	would be required for this	
	and reports were completed. VT had been asked how much time	
	provision maps were in place, the local offer was on the website	
	read the monitoring and intervention programmes, make sure the	RL
7.3. 7.4.	A; Time has been offered by the SENCO at Parc Eglos, who will	
7.3.	Q; Will the new temporary teacher be taking on the SENCO role.	
7.2.	Outcomes for y1 phonics should be in line with national	
,	focus on early learning, reading and phonics	
7 7.1.	AS had undertaken a visit to the school (VT) and reported on this,	
7	Governor Visits: Governor week:	
	Teaching and Learning Policy was local to the school	
6.22	to the schools	
	different companies which would provide the broadband provision	
	schools, this is funded by Government, the Trust is considering 3	
0.21	The school is part of a rural project to improve broadband in	
6.21	Governors once finalised	
0.20	New Curriculum intent statement would be brought back to	
6.20	transportation	
	trialed. The meals would be individually packaged before	
0.19	A new system of providing meals to Trannack School was being	
6.19	Chartwells had won the contract to provide school meals	
6.18	sign up for	
0.1/.	The Finance team would advise as to which SLA's the school should	
6.17.	outcomes	
	words needed in a child's vocabulary in order to secure good	
	emotions. There were figures available regarding the number of	
	conversation. This affected their ability to talk about their	
	spent a lot of time on a screen as opposed to taking part in a	
0.10	It was considered that children's vocabulary was limited as they	
6.16	within the Trust	
	maths would be needed in order to be in line with other schools	
,	A number of children in the school working at greater depth in	
6.15	Moderation training would be taking place over the Trust	
6.1 <u>4</u>	RL explained what was required in writing to secure greater depth	
6.13	maths and writing, this will be part of the school action plan	
0.12	There are a low number of children achieving greater depth in	
6.12	year group	
	Y2 had been moderated and the moderator had agreed with the teacher judgements and were secure. This was a low achieving	
6.11	minibus policy	
6.44	presented to Trustees next week, this included changes to the	
	New Health and Safety Policy from the Trust which would be	

7.9.	RB had undertaken a positive visit to look at the provision for	
	vulnerable pupils. It was considered that the list needs updating on	
	a regular basis, both by teaching and support staff.	
7.10	Vulnerable pupils are monitored and the outcomes are analysed on	
	a regular basis	
7.11	Pupil Premium records were up to date and is contained on the	
	school website	
7.12	A profile was being undertaken for each child	
7.13	PHSE programme was being updated	
7.14	It was reported that the new draft curriculum was very basic with	
	regards to sex and relationships education	
7.15	The resilience of children throughout the school needs to be	
	worked on. This could be helped by sporting activities and	
	residential visits	
7.16	All children feel safe and can go to any adult in the school if they	
	have a problem	
7.17	No problems reported at lunchtime or playtimes	
7.18	One parent had visited during Governor week and their child would	
	be joining the school in September	
7.19	Q; Is the drop in sessions working? As parents are not turning up.	
	A; It is difficult to get parents into school if they feel that there is	
	not a problem	
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8.	Safeguarding;	
8.1	The S175 had been submitted to County and had been quality assured.	
8.2	It had been recommended that a member of staff undertake the 10	
0.2	Day safeguarding course, but the school did not have the CPD	
	budget for this	
8.3.	RB was currently attending Safeguarding training (TIS) and had	
0.).	already undertaken the first 2 days of the course	
8.4.	Safer recruitment updates to be undertaken where required	
8.5.	Overall this was a positive report	
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9.	DSL Visit;	
9.1.	This had not taken place to date	
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10	Health and Safety;	
10.1	Minibus; this was now included in the Health and Safety report to	
	ensure that the bus had an up to date MOT	
10.2	The expectation is that more people will need to be trained to drive	
	the minibuses	
10.3	Only people with a D1 on their licence do not have to undertake a	
	specific test	
10.4	Friends of Halwin are raising funds currently for the purchase of a	
	new bus. The Trust have not got the funding at present to bulk	
	purchase buses for the schools to use, the cheapest option is to	
	purchase a bus that is approx 4 years old	
10.5	A discussion took place with regards to the minibus	
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	Ongoing; as a result of the KS2 outcomes, it was considered that	
	the school was good, they would recognise the changes in staffing	
	and the impact this had had on the school. The full range of	
13.2	evidence has still to be completed	
	There was a good knowledge of individual children within the	
13.3	school by all staff	
	School Key Priorities; To be circulated	
13.4	Already discussed	
	Curriculum:	
	New curriculum had already been discussed	
14	Structured Questions;	
14.1	RL circulated the papers with regards to this, he suggested that in	
-	the future this would be done prior to the meeting and Governors	
	would have the opportunity to look at these before the meeting	
	and highlight any issues	
14.2	My concern was working well.	
14.3	23 children on Safeguarding file in school, all issues that come to	
-	the attention of the police are considered by two police officers	
	who decide if they need to inform the school. Operation	
	Encompass had improved this system as the school is informed on	
	the next morning after an incident was reported	
14.4	Q; Are Safeguarding files ever closed?	
	A; The file within the school may be closed but the details would	
	be sent to the new school when the child moves on	
14.5	With the needs of the reception intake, it had to be considered if	
	staffing needs to be adjusted to support the needs of this cohort.	
14.6	Teaching days may be altered from September when RL takes up	
	his new role	
14.7	DB had visited the school and her report was circulated	
14.8	DB would like Governors to produce their own questions apart	Govs
	from the ones she had produced	
14.9	Checklist was in place for School playground equipment, there had	
	been an issues at another Trust School with regards to playground	
	equipment, the use of a tyre on the sandpit may have to be	
	reconsidered; Governors considered this Trustee decision should be	
	challenged providing that following a risk assessment the Tyre was	
15	in good order Impact and effectiveness of LGB and questions for Trustees;	
15	Regular meetings between Head and Chair	
	<ul> <li>Governor monitoring carried out</li> </ul>	
	Governor monitoring carried out     Governor week held	
	<ul> <li>It was agreed that the Trust should be asked to look at the future of computer programming in primary schools</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Finance training was required for School secretaries, this would also be raised at the School Secretaries meeting</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Concern was expressed at the cost of running school minibuses and if this could be addressed by the MAT</li> </ul>	
	minibuses and if this could be addressed by the MAT	
	<ul> <li>Links with Goonhilly should be promoted with the primary schools within the Trust</li> </ul>	
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	<ul> <li>Health and Safety check to be made on tyre in play ground and if found to be in good order, trustees should be challenged as to why it was felt that these tyres should be removed, as long as regular monitoring was carried out</li> </ul>	
16	Diary Dates;	
16.1	Annual Safeguarding update in September; Governors invited to attend	Gov
16.2	LGB; Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 6pm	

## Structured questions and responses attached

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed;..... Date;.....

## Local Governing Body Meetings

Version: January 2019 Meeting date: June 17<sup>th</sup> 2019

Matte	rs Arising:		
	ack from Trust Board:		
Safegu	arding:	Respor	ises:
1. 2. 3.	When was your Single Central Record last checked? By who? What were the outcomes/actions arising? When was your most recent Trust Designated Safeguarding Officer visit? What was the focus on the visit? What was the outcome/action arising? What action has been taken on the council's feedback on the S157? What reassurances can you give that the actions have been robust? How many new cases typically are you encountering each month/term? What is the school's capacity to deal with these?	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	29 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 by LJ; feedback given to June; next 19/06/19 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2018; Actions were added to the safeguarding action plan; Next visit due; QA from the LA returned for 2019; actions to be added to the safeguarding action plan Safeguarding responses from our S157 self-evaluation were positive from the LA 7 reported concerns on My Concern since 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2019; all dealt with Individual pupils are well-known to staff – reference the staff meeting Children Causing Concern agenda item
cle	vill Equality and Diversity be covered in	include	who are considered to be BEM are ed on the vulnerable pupils' list and are pred individually
Matte	rs to raise with the Board		
Comm	unication:	Respor	
2. 3. 4.	school's communication – are stakeholders happy with the website,	1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8.	Monitoring of the website
5.	weekly newsletter, text alerts etc? How do you make provision for parents whose children are not good at ensuring their parents receive the information?		attended however parental survey was very positive; next meeting due

7. 8.	Are there any particular needs in our community in respect of communication flow and how are you dealing with these (e.g deaf parents; English as a second language) What is the feedback from the latest Forum meeting?	
this as		Where required adaptions will be made
	rs to raise with the Board	
Outcor	nes – progress & attainment:	Responses:
1. 2.	celebration? How have these been achieved? Is this practice useful to share with others across the Trust?	<ol> <li>Strength is in individual knowledge of the children. Focussed work within classes and in intervention observed</li> <li>At present we are seeing solid progress across the year groups from their starting points. For each cohort the</li> </ol>
	strategies have been put in place to address this? What impact have they had? If they haven't had any tangible impact, why is this and what is being done about it? What else could be done? Have you asked if other schools have a similar issue? Are you working with them?	<ul> <li>issues are according to internal teacher assessments:</li> <li>a. Y6 reading and writing on track from KS1 and maths below at greater depth. Expected standard is on track.</li> <li>b. Y5 reading and maths below at greater depth. Expected</li> </ul>
3.	Within the more vulnerable groups, do you have some success stories? To what do attribute their progress?	standard is on track. c. Y4 Reading, writing and maths on track at expected and
4.	Why is there variation between the year groups' progress for e.g. maths? How are you addressing this? Does the teacher need support or intervention?	greater depth d. Y3 Below in reading at greater depth. Expected standard on track
5.	Has this situation improved or declined over time?	e. Y2 A little below target from Y1 3. There is good achievement from pupils
6.	How does it compare with other schools in the Trust and against national data?	from a variety of vulnerable groups; eg pupil premium
7.	What is in place to ensure that those who achieve well at KS1 continue to do this and achieve Greater Depth by the end of KS2?	<ul> <li>4. Progress is even across year groups and subjects;</li> <li>5. Steady progress. We note the generally low level the children come in to school.</li> </ul>
8.	What strategies do you use to accelerate progress? Which of these seems to work best? Why?	<ul><li>6. Attainment compares favourably with schools across the trust.</li><li>7. Challenge is in place for the more able;</li></ul>
9.	What variation is there in pupil performance between subject areas? What is being done to address any inconsistency?	monitored by tracking monitoring, lesson observation – internal and external; we have Years 5 and 6 with a high target of greater depth targeted
10.	. What more could be done?	<u> </u>

11. What has the impact of the training provided by the Trust been on writing?	from KS1 which will be a challenge to achieve
provided by the must been on writing:	8. Interventions and support groups are in
	place for focussed work for individuals
	9. Maths greater depth is challenging. A
	greater focus on reasoning is aiding the
	performance
	10. Consistency of approach in teaching
	and learning is being built;
	11. The moderations the trust have run
	have developed our accuracy in teacher
	assessment in writing Individuals are known by the staff and changes
How will Equality and Diversity be covered in	to teaching and learning are made where
this aspect?	required
Matters to raise with the Board	
Behaviour, Attendance & Well Being	Responses
1. What are the most positive aspects	1. Incidences of poor behaviour are
of behaviour in the school?	low and where they do occur are
2. Which areas are causing the most	dealt with quickly and effectively.
concern?	There are low numbers of recorded
3. What has been the impact of the	incidents of poor behaviour
initiative you introduced earlier in	2. High number of pupils with
the year?	safeguarding files. These pupils
4. Is your evidence anecdotal or is	require support and the school has
there a way of measuring this so	built capacity to work with them.
the improvement trajectory can be	3.
evidenced?	4. We record new concerns on the My Concern site and as such can
<ol><li>Which groups are causing the most concern? What is in place to</li></ol>	measure the numbers
address this? Is there any evidence	5. There's no single group. We work
yet that this having an impact on	with individuals. Presently the
the issue? If not when do you think	school uses TA time for pastoral
it will get traction?	support and a professional
6. How does the attendance figure for	counsellor is working with a couple
all pupils and for groups compare	of children
nationally? What is the greatest	6. Overall attendance figures are in
area of concern and what strategies	line with the national; the school
are in place to address it?	will focus on getting more children
7. Where have you had success in	to achieve >98% attendance
promoting good attendance?	7. A balanced approach is taken with
8. How does the Persistent Absence	families requesting absence; where
figure compare nationally and with	there is lower attendance from
other schools in the Trust?	some pupils we do see some lower
<ol><li>Could you draw on expertise from the Trust to support you in this?</li></ol>	outcomes 8. There is an improving picture on
10. Have you run any survey to review	persistent absence (PA).
how pupils' well-being is fairing?	9. EWO is supporting; the trust have a
11. Are referrals to external agencies to	clear policy. The school will need to
support well-being on the rise?	change the paperwork for absence
	requests

	<ol> <li>12. What strategies do you have in place to help pupils before the crisis point?</li> <li>13. What aspects of school life make it worse for children? What have you put in place to try to address this?</li> <li>14. Review initiatives and aspects of school improvement plan in this are if applicable</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>10. Pupils report being generally well in the pupil survey</li> <li>11. There is no increase in referrals</li> <li>12. External work is underway with social care, family support and counselling</li> <li>13. Pupils and their families are well known to the school and they share challenges outside with us for support</li> <li>14. Internal counselling is well used in school with capacity pushed to meet demand</li> </ul>
	15. How is staff well-being at the current time? Where are the pressure points for them and are there strategies in place to help manage this? How is this reflected in staff absence? Is there anything more that could be doing to support the whole staff team more effectively?	15. Staff well-being is generally good with individuals being supported – eg encouragement for external counselling or medical support signposted through the staff absence scheme
How w this as	ill Equality and Diversity be covered in pect?	Where required adaptations are made
Matter	s to raise with the Board	
Curricu		Responses
1. 2.	that there is breadth and balance in the provision?	<ol> <li>Curriculum intent statement is being updated to ensure the philosophy behind our curriculum is in place. The rolling programme is being reviewed. The impact section ie assessment within the foundation subjects is a key</li> </ol>
3. 4. 5.	and active learning? How are we using the Sports Premium to impact on this? Can we use sport more creatively to deliver other curriculum areas? How does it match the context of a rural coastal Cornish school?	<ul> <li>piece of work to be completed</li> <li>2. It remains essential to have English and maths focus in the key learning time in the mornings – this includes phonics and guided reading</li> <li>3. The assistant head has received training in how to deliver the Understanding Christianity curriculum. This requires at least 50% commitment to Christianity within the RE planning.</li> <li>4. Sports premium is allocated to support pupil development in active learning. – see online sports premium report. The school continues to promote outdoor</li> </ul>

	Are we meeting our statutory duty re PSCHE? What are the implications for staffing in the curriculum plan?	<ol> <li>Bold Beginnings recommendations are clear in our EYFS provision eg the focus on early reading and opportunities taken for some more formal learning when the pupils are ready</li> <li>Adaptations are in place as and when required for pupils to access the curriculum</li> <li>PSHE is in place but needs a review in the new year</li> <li>The curriculum remains affordable at present. There looks to be some challenge from the new reception cohort and further capacity may be required here</li> </ol>
How will Equality and Diversity be covered in		As required the curriculum is adapted
this as		
Matter	rs to raise with the Board	
	Improvement Plan	Responses
2. 3. 4. 5. 6.	Why are these critical areas for the school? What aspects of Self Evaluation have led to this aspects becoming a focus? How does the plan tie in with the wider Trust Plan? Are the plans SMART? Is it clear how we will measure their impact? What aspects specifically will the local governors review and what evidence do we need to do this? Are the plans sufficiently ambitious? What resource is needed to achieve the objectives? What evidence has been provided by School Improvement Partners/Hub Leader & CEO visits to show the progress towards the objectives? What other evidence sources do we have to demonstrate progress towards the objectives? ( pupil conferencing; surveys; data drops; external reports	<ol> <li>4 Key areas for work; oracy; vulnerable pupils; greater depth; maths progress</li> <li>These tie in closely to the trust plan</li> <li>Impact in terms of success criteria are identified. Further work on milestones within the plan could be undertaken</li> <li>Governors have actions associated according to their roles to monitor</li> <li>Ambition is clear and referenced to external target setting eg FFT</li> <li>Funding for a programme for the development of oracy would be beneficial and this is being sought from the literacy hub</li> <li>Hub leader visits support progress of the plans; SIP to be brought in next academic year for a review</li> <li>Other monitoring; lesson observations, data analysis, parent and pupil surveys,</li> </ol>
etc) How will Equality and Diversity be covered in		As required
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	rs to raise with the Board	_
	Implementation	Responses
1.	Have all staff signed confirming that they have read the key Trust policies as	<ol> <li>Constant round of updating. Staff are expected to read key documents which</li> </ol>
	they have read the key trust policies as	

<ul> <li>per the list? What is the programme for reminding and explaining key aspects of these policies?</li> <li>2. Reviewing school internal policy – do they reflect current practice or are you using these to change current practice? What input/feedback has there been from stakeholders in reviewing the policy? In what way does it align with our co-operative values and the principles of Equality? Have we checked for unintended bias?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>brought to the staff's attention as and when reviewed eg health and safety, managing medicines, safeguarding</li> <li>2. Local polices on a rolling programme of review; when reviewed all policies are considered with respect to cooperative values;</li> </ul>
How will Equality and Diversity be covered in this aspect?	Reference given to those pupils who are covered under equality and diversity
Matters to raise with the Board	
Staffing:	Responses:
<ol> <li>How well does the staffing match to the needs of the school? In what ways are the staff used creatively to meet the needs of the pupils?</li> <li>How effective are the staff? Do some need more support? Are they actively engaged in their own development? Are they proactively involved in the Trust's network groups?</li> <li>In terms of appraisal how many of the staff met or exceeded their objectives?</li> <li>How are any trainees or apprenticeships developing? Is there sufficient support for them?</li> <li>How are you developing leaders in the school and ae they part of the Trust's leadership network? Where are the strengths in the leadership of the school? Do you have any areas of concern regarding the leadership and if so what can be done about it?</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Staffing is appropriate although consideration is being given to the needs of the new pupils coming in to reception in September. Maternity cover from Sept in Robins. Owl's teaching days' timetable is being reviewed. In addition, further support is being sought externally for the SENCo role to be carried out.</li> <li>Overall, staff are effective. Teaching is becoming more consistent. Where it requires further challenge and support it is being done. TAs continue to support the school well. Staff are involved in various trust working groups</li> <li>Staff are making solid progress towards the targets</li> <li>There are no trainees or apprentices</li> <li>Leadership development has been a focus at the school with the new assistant head and other leaders given opportunities and supported. Leaders are taking on responsibilities across the school and are being effective. Experience is growing.</li> </ol>

How will Equality and Diversity be covered in this aspect?	As requires actions will be taken
Matters to raise with the Board	
Training and Development for LGB	Responses:
<ol> <li>What training needs do governors require to expand their collective skills or knowledge bases?</li> </ol>	Constant updating to keep abreast of the latest developments; New OFSTED framework in practice; curriculum leadership New PSHE and SRE requirements New EYFS assessments