

<p>GB 51/14 cont</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on assessment of the new curriculum – the school has bought the new Essex Target Tracker through Swaledale Alliance. The H.T. outlined arrangements for 6 new baseline systems in the Foundation Stage which are being trialled nationally. <p>Governor question 1:- Will all schools locally be using the same one to ensure a common language and will the results be transferable if pupils move out of the area ?</p> <p>Answer:- The Swaledale Alliance will be having a meeting to discuss this – the outcomes will be transferable across systems as the scales will be the same, but just assessed in a different way.</p> <p>Governors noted that the school will be trialling the new target tracker ready to start in earnest in the Autumn Term and that once the pupil progress data is stored, governors will be able have access to a ‘read only with no names’ link. The most advantageous timing for the consideration of ‘Raise’ data was discussed and it was decided that the December meeting would be appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standards – Governors noted that pupils in receipt of P.P. made very good progress and that this was clearly demonstrated on the school website. K.R. is on the NPQML (Middle Leadership course) and will be leading on an area of the S.D.P. <p>Governor question 2:- Will we be in a position to take the S.D.P. forward ? Can it go to the I.C. & then feed into the next F.G.B?</p> <p>Answer: Yes, the H.T. confirmed that the S.D.P. will be in place at the beginning of the next academic year.</p> <p>Governors noted the range of C.P.D. for staff and that this has impacted on the supply costs, but been necessary to ensure good standards of teaching and learning of the new curriculum.</p> <p>Governor question 3:- Can the I.C. also look at attendance data ?</p> <p>Answer: Yes. Governors agreed that it is important to recognise with small cohorts that there can be violent swings which have a disproportionate effect on the data.</p> <p>Governor question 4:- Have we had the E.D.A. Report ?</p> <p>Answer:- Not yet . The H.T. confirmed that the Chair & Vice had attended part of the meeting with the E.D.A. and that the report will be forwarded when received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Cohesion - Governors discussed the well supported and successful quiz night and noted the goodwill in the village and how this links to the 100% positive response to the question about the reputation of the school. Governors also discussed the progress with the ‘Friends of the School’ group and how best to publicise this, the 100 club and other school news. Health & Safety – Governors noted that a premises audit had been completed by the Chair and H.T. Remedial works are either completed or ‘in hand’. The cloakroom damp issue will be addressed in the Easter holiday and confirmation has been received that the chimney will be done. Governors agreed that the new fence and gates work well and look good. <p>Resolved: That thanks be given for the work Mrs G. has done in cataloguing the library books received through the closure of the S.L.S.</p> <p>: That the school will have regular input to the village and Parish newsletters to keep the community updated about the ‘Friends’, the 100 Club and other news.</p> <p>: That the Chair will write an article for the school newsletter about the 100 Club and S.M. will write an article to promote the work of the ‘Friends’.</p> <p>: That the H.T. be thanked for the informative report on all aspects of school life and that congratulations be forwarded from governors to pupils and staff for successes at the Wensleydale Festival, where 3 trophies were won (1 shared).</p>	<p>H.T. Clerk to amend Annual Plan</p> <p>H.T.</p> <p>H.T.</p> <p>Chair Chair to send email contact to H.T. Chair S.M.</p> <p>H.T.</p>
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GB 52/14	<p><u>Minutes of the Resources Committee</u> Governors had received the committee Minutes prior to the meeting and the Chair of the Committee gave governors an overview of the meeting and the opportunity to ask questions. Governors discussed the MASS contract and the H.T. reported that some schools who have tried other providers, have returned to MASS as they were found to represent better value. The H.T. shared details of the updated budget, which will be forwarded to governors.</p> <p>Resolved :- That the school continues with the full MASS contract. :-That the H.T. forwards the updated budget monitoring report to all governors. :-That the SFVS be approved for submission to the L.A. :-That the draft Minutes of 05.02.15 be received and accepted.</p>	School Admin H.T.
GB 53/14	<p><u>Minutes of the Improvement Committee</u> Governors had received the committee Minutes and supporting papers prior to the meeting. The Vice Chair gave an overview of the main points and governors were invited to ask questions :-</p> <p>Governor qu. 5:- The tracking update for maths shows 100% of Y4 pupils reaching their target, but the projection for 2017, when those pupils are Y6 shows 83% reaching Level 4. Can you explain ?</p> <p>Answer:- The H.T. explained the dynamic of the cohort and that whilst some pupils may have made excellent progress and reached their targets, the Y6 target outcome will not be the national expectation for all of the cohort.</p> <p>Resolved :- That the Minutes of the Improvement Committee meeting held 05.03.15 are received and accepted.</p>	
GB 54/14	<p><u>Safeguarding Audit</u> Governors noted that the Safeguarding Audit had been completed and S.Y. outlined the action plan formed from that audit.</p> <p>Governor qu. 6:- Are there any particular issues that governors need to have more information about ?</p> <p>Answer: Not really – governors agreed that at the next Improvement Committee meeting there would be an item about how the pupils are taught about keeping themselves safe.</p> <p>Resolved: That S.Y. and the H.T. will liaise to progress the action plan further and governors will be updated as appropriate</p>	Clerk to Agenda 11.06.15 H.T & S.Y.
GB 55/14	<p><u>Analysis of Governor Questionnaire</u> Governors had received the analysis document prior to both of the committee meetings, where it had initially been discussed. The Chair identified some responses which needed to be further ‘un picked’ and analysed. Governors agreed that some of the outcomes were partly influenced by interpretation of the question and explored how they might use the results of the questionnaire to develop the effectiveness of the G.B. As a great deal of information about the performance of the school is available, governors felt that a simple summary of key issues, intended actions and the resulting impact would be helpful.</p> <p>Governors also discussed the development of the Link Governor role and how this could evolve to take account of current good practice and what is best for the school and it’s pupils in the future. The Governor School Visits Policy was reviewed alongside this discussion and it was agreed that governors would email any further comments to the H.T. and the Chair, Vice and H.T. would progress this development work so that the policy and link roles could be again considered at the next F.G.B. meeting 02.07.15 and be in place for September.</p> <p>Governors also considered how they interact with different stakeholder groups and how accessible they are to those groups. Governors noted that more</p>	H.T.

GB 55/14 cont	<p>opportunities could be taken to ‘flag up’ the role of governors and highlight how they perform that role, to both parents and pupils. Governors recalled that the I. C. had suggested ‘welcome’ and ‘look back’ letters from the Chair at either end of the school year .Other suggestions were made, to include a more visible role at school events e.g. the Chair or other governors giving the ‘thank you’ speech at the end of school events or handing out the certificates at the Leavers Service. The Chair requested that the H.T. ensures that governors are aware of these opportunities.</p> <p>Resolved: That the H.T., Chair and Vice will progress the development work identified through the questionnaire analysis, as outlined above.</p> <p>: That the Chair will write a welcome letter to all families in September and a celebratory summary of the year in July.</p> <p>: That all governors will endeavour to raise the profile of governance and forge links with parents and pupils at events and through their link role work.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">S.M. left the meeting at 6.30 p.m.</p>	<p>H.T.</p> <p>Chair, Vice C, H.T.</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>ALL</p>
GB 56/14	<p><u>Policy review</u></p> <p>The Chair invited any governor comments on the Policies for review which governors had received prior to the meeting. Governors noted that Minute GB 54/14 had dealt with the Governors Visits Policy. Governors had also been provided with a list of policies the review and adoption of which could be delegated to the Headteacher.</p> <p>Resolved :- That the following Policies having been duly reviewed are approved and adopted :-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Admissions Policy</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Restraint and Physical Intervention Policy</p> <p>:- That the identified Policies are delegated to the H.T. to be approved and adopted according to the schedule (here appended to these Minutes)</p>	<p>H.T.</p>
GB 57/14	<p><u>Review of the School Website</u></p> <p>Governors had received guidance on what information must be published on the school website and noted that the website has improved and that it is compliant.</p> <p>Governor qu. 7:- Are the photos regularly updated?</p> <p>Answer:- The H.T. explained that the school tries to keep the photos current but sometimes it is difficult to find a new photo which sums up the event or activity as well as the existing one.</p> <p>S.Y. volunteered to bring back ideas from some research on other school websites.</p>	<p>SY</p>
GB 57/14	<p><u>Governor Training</u></p> <p>J.A. and R.L. reported that they had attended Finance training which had been useful and thought provoking.</p> <p>Governor qu. 8:- Why was it useful ?</p> <p>Answer : It highlighted the need for governors to be challenging about school finances and make responsible decisions. It underlined the importance of accountability and the need to say ‘no’ if necessary.</p> <p>The Clerk had attended the GSIN and gave a copy of the handouts to the Chair.</p> <p>The H.T. reported that J.M. the Area Lead Advisor (Primary) would be holding a cluster event to look at Collaborative partnerships between schools at Crakehall on July 9th 2015.</p>	
GB 58/14	<p><u>Governor Visits to School.</u></p> <p>Governors noted that aspects of this had been covered through item 13.</p> <p>J.S. reported that she had attended a French lesson.</p> <p>M.K. had visited a Maths session for KS2.</p>	

GB 58/14 cont	The Visits policy schedule for the summer term was discussed :- D.L. – Computing M.K. – P.S.H.E.	Chair & Vice to liaise with H.T.
PART 'C' – OTHER BUSINESS		
GB 59/14	<u>Correspondence</u> The Chair and H.T. confirmed that they had received the updated guidance on Disqualification by Association as forwarded by the Clerk and this is being actioned.	
PART 'D' – PERSONNEL		
GB 60/14	<p><u>Staffing Review</u> The staff governor left the meeting at this point -7p.m.</p> <p>The H.T. confirmed that the additional T.A. hours have been implemented and explained that the staffing structure is currently working well. Governors agreed that with a potential rise in pupil numbers the staffing structure needs to be maintained.</p> <p>Governor qu. 9:- Will the existing staffing structure be financially viable ? Answer:- The H.T. reported that the Bursar hadn't highlighted any possible difficulties at this stage. Governors noted that this will be fully considered at the next Resources Committee meeting when the Start Budget is addressed. Governors also agreed to consider the relationship between supply costs and permanent contracts at that meeting.</p> <p>Resolved:- That the staffing structure and other staffing matters will be considered at Resources Committee meeting 21.05.15 along with the Start Budget.</p>	Clerk to agenda 21.05.15
There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 7.10 p.m.		
<u>Date & Time of next Meeting</u> – The next full Governing Body Meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd July 2015 at the school at 4.30 p.m.		