

THE GOVERNING BODY OF DENBY DALE FIRST AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Minutes of the meeting of the Governing body held at 7.00 pm at the School on Monday, 20 March 2017.

PRESENT

Mr P J Belsey, Mrs J Cody, Mrs A Elliott, Mrs S Fairbrother, Ms G Hood, Ms K Howgill, Mrs R Liu, Mr A Severn, Mrs L Taylor, Miss J Wood

In Attendance

Mr K Rothwell (Minute Clerk)

580. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, CONSENT AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Eaton (consent) and Dr N Denby (consent).

There were no declarations of interest.

581. NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT UP UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following item was notified to be brought up under any other business.

- Information

582. REPRESENTATION

Vacancies on the Governing Body

Governors had previously discussed the situation and had decided not to appoint further governors.

583. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 FEBRUARY 2017

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2017 be approved and signed by the chair as a correct record subject to the following alterations:

Minute 572 (a)

Delete "Jill" and insert "Gill", delete "St Aiden's" and insert "St Aidans".

584. MATTERS ARISING

- (a) Staff/Governor meeting (Minute 577 (a) refers)

The Governor File was discussed – entries would be added and information updated.

- (b) **Role of Subject Governors (Minute 577 (f) refers)**

This would be launched at the Assembly on 28 April. Before that took place, governors were asked to contact the teachers of their designated subject areas.

(c) Email system (Minute 577 (g) refers)

A contract had been signed with a new IT provider. This would start on 1 April and the email system would be sorted out then.

585. HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT AND GOVERNORS' QUESTIONS

The Head Teacher spoke to her report, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Topics highlighted included:

(a) Leadership and Management

The Head teacher and Mrs Kimmings had attended the Designated Safeguarding Lead refresher training.

The Deputy Head Teacher, Jane Alderson, would retire in the summer. Governors needed to consider the options and the financial implications. Should another Deputy Head or and Assistant Head be appointed? The Head Teacher would email governors with the details and dates for adverts/interviews. Governors should advise the Head Teacher if they were available for the proposed interview dates.

The governors were grateful to Ms Alderson for giving them plenty of time to find her successor. It was agreed that, after 20 years of valuable service to the school, her leaving should be marked in a suitable fashion.

(b) Community Hub

The Head Teacher gave a whiteboard presentation on “ Kirklees Schools as Community Hubs”.

- The target was 7 to 20 schools making a hub, with 3 people as leaders.
- The make-up of a Core group was explained.
- A hub could commission outside services and was intended to cover all ages from young children to adults. All a pupil's family could be involved.

The intention was that early intervention should prevent problems later.

Q. Can a hub pay for Family Support workers?

A. Yes. If needed, part of the cost could be paid according to each school's use.

Shelley College and Joseph Norton Academy were interested in joining the hub.

Finance was available for the hubs when they had been established.

The steps needed to establish a hub were outlined. It had been agreed that the name of the hub would be “The Bridge” – referring to the viaduct in Denby Dale.

Copies of the minutes of the Community hub meeting held on 8 March, were circulated together with the section of the School Improvement Plan “Pupils' Welfare – Priority – to establish a Community Hub”. An audit was being carried out to see what resources/services each school could offer.

The next meeting of the Community hub committee would be on the 18 May. Copies of the minutes would be circulated to governors after the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the school become part of The Bridge Community Hub.

586. SCHOOL SELF EVALUATION – SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN
REPORT FROM CURRICULUM AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Mrs Liu reported on the meeting of the Curriculum and Standards committee held on 13 February 2017.

587. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING
REPORT FROM THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Mrs Taylor reported on the meeting of the Resources committee held on 8 February 2017.

588. SAFEGUARDING

There were problems with the swimming classes at Scissett Baths involving adults on site using toilets in the swimming area. Ms Hood would look at the problem. Governors discussed the problem and possible ways to resolve it.

589. GOVERNOR TRAINING AND GOVERNOR VISITS

There was nothing to report.

590. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Information

- Edubase – governors were reminded of the statutory requirement to register details of all governors on Edubase.
- Kirklees School Governors Facebook page – reminder.
- Kirklees Business Solutions Website – new details.
- One Hub – Kirklees document store.

591. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS AND POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLVED: That the next meetings of the Governing Body be held at 7.00 pm at the School on:

Monday, 15 May 2017
Wednesday, 5 July 2017

592. AGENDA, MINUTES AND RELATED PAPERS - SCHOOL COPY

RESOLVED: That no part of these minutes, agenda or related papers be excluded from the copy to be made available at the School, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.