

A very thorough and detailed meeting with previous actions updated on and further items put forward for September.

The vacant Governing position was discussed and it was shared that the membership, rather than advertise now would wait until September to incorporate the new intake of parents from the children in Reception. This seems like a good idea and will add real value to the school board.

Notice of elect of vice chair was discussed, this is done every 2 years. Governors were welcomed to make nominations. Suzan Bishop and Jenny Berge indicated they would be prepared to stand again.

Minutes of the meeting of the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were proposed and seconded as a true reflection of the meeting. Approved unanimously.

Matters arising from the minutes were discussed – online payments update below

Budget of the school has been submitted however the school has still not had confirmation to allow any surplus funds to be carried forward.

Online payment systems discussion – feedback – Mrs Farraday shared her engagement with stakeholders in order to arrive at the right outcome for the school at this time. It was good to see and hear the balanced approach taken to ensure the correct decision is arrived at. Mrs Farraday consulted with 3 sets of stakeholders. Governors, parents, staff – parents 52 response 28 in favour 53% - very split, 33% governors in favour 29% of staff in favour, the outcome of the engagement has resulted in the decision to reconsider the proposal in 2 years – 2025. Views – some parents wanted costs to be spent on children not online system, other parents gave feedback that it would help spread costs and were in favour.

In September school will potentially introduce an online meal booking system and payment will be made directly.

Government monitoring visit, visit of the new building by John Wood and Suzan Bishop, considered a significant improvement and very impressive.

Current challenges of the buildings and spaces – different roof levels do lead to leaking in spaces however this was revisited on tour, Mrs Farraday had contacted the Building control Senior lead at Cumbria County Council and he undertook an on spec visit. He confirmed they were fully satisfied with the work so far and the communication was good and proactive, proposed date for completion is 17<sup>th</sup> August. Possible governors support as there will be an impact on holidays and getting ready for opening in September.

Delighted to hear there will also be repair work to the dinner Hall during the holidays, the children will be returning back to a much improved building.

Send report – clear report, comprehensive

Staffing Update – Pam Robinson is leaving 31 August, great to hear a new teacher has been recruited with the support of specialist recruitment, Katie Heaton Bolton Le Sands – year 1 and 2 class. Mrs Farraday has visited her class room to observe, learning environment, engagement with the children and shared excellent feedback on her observations.

DPIA – pupil progress. Achievement in PE – staff will be completing updated training, really good to hear the continued development.

Safeguarding. Always a top priority but excellent to hear the school will be doing even more on keeping the children safe continuous online safety, checking devices, filtering, searching, keeping safe on line. Mrs Haslam has now completed her mandatory training and is a qualified Safeguarding Lead which plays a critical role in all schools.