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Minutes of the Ysgol Emmanuel Full Governing Body meeting 30th November 2022

Present:	<p>Mark Budd (MB)(Chair) Alison Parry-Jones (APJ) Rona Jones (RJ) Christine Maitland-Price (CMP) Lee Griffiths (LG) Kevin Roberts (KR) Ann Jones (AJ) Kyle Ellis (KE) Gill Howe (GH) Nikki Ball (NB) Rebecca Griffiths(RG) – Clerk</p>
Apologies:	<p>Linda Coleman (LC) Rachel Mellor (RM) Kaylee Brooks (KB)</p>
Previous minutes	<p>All attendees agreed the minutes of the last minute were true and correct. RJ covered the actions of the last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TA Champion - RJ has approached Yvonne Gilbertson to be our TA champion. She is considering it. • LA Governor - We are still looking for an LA governor. Denbighshire have sent us a name of an interested party however they have not responded to correspondence as yet. RG will email again. <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RG will email potential new governor again.
Headteachers report	<p>RJ summarised the headteacher’s report which had been shared with governors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RJ recently attended the Cost of Living summit and currently the priorities for the school are reducing the impact of poverty for the pupils and the professional development of the staff. • GWE have asked all schools to make changes to their SDPs. RJ shared the new SDP. An impact and monitoring section has been added. GH agreed to be the link governor for the new SDP.





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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RJ asked for nominations for an Assessment Strategy Governor. APJ nominated herself. • RJ mentioned that the RSE element of the new curriculum is being implemented. There has been some controversy from groups who have felt that it is inappropriate however there was a High Court Judgement which was in favour of the implementation of RSE. • Everyone was happy with the new SDP <p>KR asked if the improvement in reading scores was primarily due to the support of the extra teacher reading with pupils or if the effect of COVID is now levelling out now children are attending full time, more consistently. RJ noted it was likely down to both, however the basics of reading is embedded in all teachers following the implementation of the new curriculum which is ongoing. KR shared concerns that with such focus on reading are other subjects falling behind. RJ confirmed that there is an improvement in all subjects and this will continue. If one subject area dipped, we would address this via SDP.</p> <p>KR asked if the new cohort beginning Nursery in September get assessed. RJ explained the process of the baseline assessment and then the CATS in year 2 before the assessments commence in KS2. This enables the SLT to track how well pupils due from Nursery to year 6.</p> <p>All the priorities that were on the Governing body action plan for last year were achieved. This year's plan was discussed. MB asked if the governors' training was being recorded. RG has a spreadsheet recording the governors training and DBS issue/expiry dates. RJ informed governors that the DBS update service is free of charge for volunteers.</p> <p>GH was appointed the new wellbeing governor and will meet with RJ occasionally to discuss.</p> <p>KR asked if the new curriculum could be a regular item on the agenda to keep up to date. RJ agreed.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New curriculum to be a regular item on future agendas.
<p>Sub committees –</p>	<p>Membership of the subcommittees was discussed. New governors were assigned roles within sub committees. A question was asked over whether a parent can be on the staff disciplinary appeal committee. RJ will check. RJ will share the list of subcommittee membership with governors.</p>





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<p>Finance Committee</p>	<p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RJ to check if a parent can be on staff disciplinary appeal committee • RJ to share list of subcommittee membership. <p>School currently have funds to spend from grants which need to be spent by May 2023. RJ liaising with staff on how best to spend grants. It was noted that it would be difficult to predict the budget for the coming financial years as there has been no confirmation of upcoming grants as yet.</p> <p>Staffing</p> <p>School currently have supply TAs covering longterm sickness absence and maternity cover as well as fixed term contract teachers covering maternity leave. Four additional TAs have also been approved to be used as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floating TA • Reading support TA • ALN TA for reception class • TA to help support the Ukrainian pupils. <p>RJ has also brought in an additional reading teacher for the Foundation phase due to the noticeable improvement in the reading of KS2 pupils following taking on a supply teacher to read one to one with pupils.</p>
<p>Health and Safety Committee</p>	<p>CMP gave an update on the recent health and safety committee meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the recent changes in the free school meal entitlements, the school kitchen needs to be updated to cope with the extra demand. Renovations were due to begin soon but have been delayed due to asbestos being found in the kitchen meaning the job will take longer than initially planned. All work will be carried out while school is shut, hopefully over the Christmas and Easter breaks. • All scheduled work throughout school have now been completed i.e. fences by the carpark, laying the astroturf, adding window films on windows facing the new Cartrefi Cymru building. • CMP also spoke about the new boiler. KR asked about the impact on fuel costs. GGS have assured CMP that the new boiler will be more efficient than the current 3 boilers. • RJ asked all governors to complete the PREVENT training and send certificates to Becky. <p>Action:</p> <p>Governors to send training certificates to RG</p>



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Curriculum Committee	<p>RJ summarized the minutes of the curriculum committee meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new SDP was shared where all areas are now condensed onto one page. • RJ gave an overview of the results from the recent data assessments. Most pupils are making steady progress. • RJ shared the notes from her recent visit to the Cost of Living Summit where the Bevan Foundation were presenting. The different types of poverty were discussed. Revenues and Benefits are piloting a scheme where they visit schools and talk to staff and help ensure everyone is receiving everything they are entitled to. They will also provide a CAB drop in session. RJ is keen to take part in this pilot. • The issue of digital poverty was discussed. As a school we have assets to share such as the old iPads which were given to families. <p>This led the discussion to considering the future use of the former e-café. RJ would like to come up with proposals for its use moving forward. RJ would like it to be multi functional and help the community. Suggestions for use were discussed such as using it as a digital café, a clothing exchange, a food bank, a CAB drop in centre, a drop in centre for the elderly or hiring the room out to local organisations. RJ added that the Welsh Government are keen for it to be used with the community in mind and asked governors to go away and think of ideas and share them with her.</p>
Policies	<p>The followoign policies were ratified by the governors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behaviour • Safeguarding • Data protection • English as an additional language (EAL) • Marking and feedback • Assessment
Any other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RJ praised the choir and how fantastic they performed at the Pavillion. • No other business. <p>Meeting closed at 8.15pm</p>



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