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## Minutes of the Ysgol Emmanuel Full Governing Body meeting 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024

<b>Present:</b>	Andrew Wilde (Chair) (AW) Rona Jones (RJ) Gill Howe (GH) Linda Coleman (LC) Lee Griffiths (LG) Kyle Ellis (KE) Chris Maitland-Price (CMP) Stephen Feeney (SF) Nikki Ball (NB) Sarah Hendon (SH) Rebecca Griffiths (Clerk) (RG)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Ann Jones (AJ) Rachel Mellor (RM) Cheryl Williams (CW)
<b>Previous minutes</b>	LC explained that RJ was dealing with an issue and would join the meeting later. New parent governor SH attended the meeting – introductions were made by all in attendance.  Previous minutes were agreed as true and accurate.
<b>Headteachers update</b>	LC summarised the headteachers report and asked governors to focus on the SDP with the main objectives being: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parental engagement</li> <li>• Welsh language in children</li> <li>• Pupil feedback</li> </ul> There were no questions about the SDP. LC asked CMP for an update on FOYE. CMP informed governors that we have just had a very successful Summer Fayre where we made over £2000 on the day. CMP expressed her thanks to everyone involved and explained that people’s support is so important as it means we can raise funds which all go back into being able to purchase things for the children such as the Trim Trail, the outside train, outside coloured benches and year 6 leavers hoodies. GH asked for





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	<p>Morrisons to be thanked for their donation. CMP explained that the school had made thank you cards to send out to everyone who had donated, including the supply agency Excel for donating the £100 top raffle prize.</p> <p>Geraint Davies, Head of Denbighshire Education recently led a Governor Training Session. LC attended on behalf of Ysgol Emmanuel and summarised aspects of the session. Some of the topics covered included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Huge budget cuts within education with further cuts expected which will result in more schools having to go into a budget deficit.</li> <li>• The disbanding of GWE by April 2025.</li> <li>• New approach to Estyn inspections with a new 6 year cycle commencing in 24/25 including regular follow ups.</li> <li>• Focus on staff wellbeing/managing workload pressures/more support for SLT.</li> </ul> <p>The next meeting will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> October. LC asked for governors to attend.</p> <p>LC informed governors there will be future training sessions and if there are any training requirements please let us know.</p> <p>RG to send out reminder of login details to governors.</p> <p>SF would like more training to be face to face as he feels the majority of training is moving online. LC explained that the training is run by Governors Wales but we can pass his feedback on.</p>
<p><b>Sub committees – Finance Committee</b></p>	<p>AJ sent apologies so will feedback further next meeting.</p>
<p><b>Health and Safety Committee</b></p>	<p>CP summarised Health and Safety Committee minutes: AW has signed off all risk assessments. All previously scheduled building works have been completed. There have been teething issues but all works have a 12 month guarantee and contractors have returned to fix any reported issues.</p> <p>Newly planned works include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new roof over reception and front of school. The project went to tender and has been awarded however we are unaware as yet who has been awarded it.</li> </ul>





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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently awaiting a bed in the accessible toilet.</li> <li>• Nursery/reception outside doors need upgrading. CMP has requested a meeting with Andrew Ward, Head of Building Services to discuss future work, with nursery/reception doors being a priority.</li> <li>• Site security – look at lockdown procedures in September.</li> </ul> <p>SF asked if there was a planned start date for roof. CMP informed it would possibly be the end of term however will likely run over.</p> <p>SH asked for clarification on what lockdown procedures are. CMP confirmed they are similar to fire drills. All are done in a child friendly way.</p>
<b>Staffing</b>	<p>RM sent apologies so will feedback further next meeting.</p> <p>A brief update was given by GH with Governors informed that TA interviews took place recently. Unfortunately due to budget cuts there will only be 3 fixed term TA contracts available next academic year as opposed to 8 this year. The 3 successful TA's have been offered the roles and the remaining 5 will be leaving at the end of this term.</p> <p>Two new teachers have also been appointed to cover maternity leave in year 4 and a current year 6 teacher leaving.</p> <p>Long term supply teachers and TA's were praised for their commitment in staying behind to help out at the Summer Fayre. NB commented that this is testament to the warmth of the relationships in school.</p>
<b>Curriculum Committee</b>	<p>The format of Learning Walks and the possibility of changing formats for next academic year was discussed. Feedback is that the current format can be very time consuming, taking the AOLE lead teacher away from class for a whole day. Suggestions of alternative formats included book looks with feedback given by governors and for governors to meet with AOLE leads to discuss targets etc.</p> <p>NB gave positive feedback on the recent Expressive Arts/Wellbeing Learning Walk which she attended.</p> <p>GH fed back that it had been agreed there would be a Governor Lead for each topic to maintain consistency. Leads will be:</p> <p>Safeguarding – AW  Language, Literacy and Communication – GH/RM  Expressive Arts – CW  Health &amp; Wellbeing – AW/GH</p>





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	<p>Humanities – AJ/CMP  Science and Technology – NB/LG  Maths – LG/SF  Enterprise - SF  All agreed they were happy with these roles.  As a new governor SH would shadow another governor before being assigned an AOLE.</p> <p>Feedback from recent data showed that spelling was not aligning with the Welsh Curriculum. Teaching formats will be changing and will be a focus of the upcoming training days.</p> <p>Governors were updated on all the extra curricular competitions pupils have taken part in recently and done extremely well in such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The School Choir reaching the finals of the Eisteddfod.</li> <li>• Year 6 coming 1<sup>st</sup> in the Dragons Den Competition</li> <li>• The rounders team coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Rhyl tournament</li> <li>• Cricket team coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Rhyl Tournament</li> </ul> <p>Feedback from other schools regarding the behaviour of our pupils was extremely positive with compliments such as “polite, helpful, well mannered and kind children”. AW expressed how pleased the governors are to hear how well our children represent our school.</p>
<b>Policies</b>	<p>Policies discussed:</p> <p>No policies to ratify.</p>
<b>Any other business</b>	<p>Plans to change the timing of the end of the school day was discussed – everyone was happy with changing the end school time to 3.05pm for both foundation and KS2.</p> <p>RJ joined the meeting and updated everyone that the LA have said that we don’t have enough time for a consultation period. As the policy states a change in school timings can only be made at the start of an academic year we will need to wait until next September. RJ will speak to Governors Wales about the possibility of a trial period.</p> <p>RJ asked for opinions on reverting back to the previous system of having the carpark closed and entrance and exit for pupils and parents being through the main gate and giraffe gate. RJ explained that this was due to staff cars being damaged. Everyone agreed however GH expressed concern about the</p>





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possibility of congestion at the gates. RJ said that the front gates are now wider than when this system was in place pre covid so shouldn't be an issue.

Ahead of her retirement AW extended his thanks to CMP on behalf of all the governors for her years of hard work and dedicated service. GH echoed this sentiment.

GH extended congratulations to KE for his hard work in helping the school achieve the Silver Rights Respecting Schools award. The RRS board were impressed by the work put in and were keen for the school to work towards the Gold award.

No other business.

Meeting closed at 6.40am

