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

Present:	Allison Parry Jones (APJ), Chair Rona Jones (RJ) Linda Coleman (LC) Ann Jones (AJ) Christine Maitland-Price (CMP) Gill Howe (GH) Andrew Wilde (AW) Kevin Roberts (KR) Rev Glen Mansfield (GM) Rachel Mellor (RM) Katie Mason (KM) Gareth Pritchard (GP)
Apologies:	Mark Budd
Policies	Policies were discussed first as GP was unable to attend the meeting for long. All school policies were ratified by all governors present. GP explained that this would be his last meeting following his resignation as Vice Chair of the Governors. GP thanked all governors, past and present for their time and efforts during his time as Vice Chair. He made a special mention to Mark Budd, Chair of Governors for all the support and everything he does behind the scenes. GP also made a special thanks to RJ and noted that he is confident he is leaving the school in very safe hands, making his decision to resign a lot easier. GP left the meeting.
Previous minutes	All attendees were happy with the minutes of the last meeting. RJ covered the actions of the last meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To advertise for a new Clerk to the Governors – RJ will try and readvertise again however all schools in the cluster are struggling to find a clerk. Becky is happy to help out and take minutes in the interim. • RJ has sent safeguarding links to governors. • RJ and LC have discussed the need for a TA champion and have someone in mind. They will speak to TA's before the end of term. Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RJ and LC to speak to TA's about a TA champion





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<p>Headteachers report</p>	<p>RJ presented the Headteachers report and the updated SDP. RJ explained that the majority of the SDP had been achieved.</p> <p>RJ explained that the school is currently finalising becoming a Trauma Informed School.</p> <p>A new accountability document within the Self Evaluation Programme has been introduced. Estyn will be inspecting more often.</p> <p>Teachers/the SLT/Office Staff have completed the new forms and RJ will share with governors once typed up. The SEP is ongoing and will always be available to be shared.</p> <p>Teaching Staff have been looking at the new 4 purposes as part of the new curriculum and every term staff will look if priorities and targets are being achieved.</p>
<p>Curriculum for Wales</p>	<p>RJ explained that LC had been leading on the implementation of the new curriculum for Wales. There was a need for a high level document to be used within school which RJ and LC have been working on. This document has been shared with the curriculum committee and RJ is now able to share with full governors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RJ presented the document which explained that positive outcomes for the children is at the heart of everything we do as a school. Most information was brought over from the SDP and it focuses heavily on providing a nurturing environment – something which Emmanuel does very well. • RJ explained that the results of the Parent Survey have been extremely positive. • RJ explained that staff had been working with the children to explain the 4 purposes in a child friendly manner. The children and TA's have created characters to represent each purpose and children have all chosen names for these characters which will be chosen randomly from a draw. • Some themes of the curriculum which are now implemented currently will be able to be implemented now COVID restrictions have opened up such as parents coming into school and careers talks etc. • RJ explained how the new curriculum will give the teachers more freedom to choose topics which will bring more enthusiasm to the topics. • RJ explained that she had met with a parent regarding the new relationships and sexuality section of the new curriculum. The parent was worried about what would be shared with her year 2 child as she had been following a group who have been protesting about parents being unable to opt out of the talk and they have been sharing false information about what would be taught. RJ assured the mum that all talks would be done sensitively and age appropriately and would be supporting health and wellbeing, healthy relationships, understanding rights and living healthy, safe lives. This will be





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	<p>embedded through school life as opposed to a singular lesson as was previously done. Most children of this generation are now getting their sexual education from tik tok and so this new way of working will hopefully help. There are 3 phases of the teaching. Phase 1 will be taught from aged 3, phase 2 from age 7 and phase 3 from age 11. RJ asked governors to support the new initiative if they have any concerns from parents and assure them that everything will be done age appropriately.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LC gave an update on the pupil assessment data collected. She shared a document she has been working on which shows the scores of the pupils compared to the national average. This document is available for governors to view. • LC explained that on the whole the numbers are encouraging. Although we are below the national average, our average has increased since last year and it is a positive to see such an improvement. We also do have several MAT pupils who are achieving above the national average. • LC shared some comparisons of data between genders which showed that males are slightly higher than females however both are steadily progressing. • FSM although some FSM pupils are achieving higher levels there seems to be no significant difference. • As always our EAL pupils are scoring high across all subjects. <p>Action LC will share data breakdowms with governors.</p>
<p>Sub committees - Finance</p>	<p>AJ gave an update from the finance committee which took place on Tuesday 24th July 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eleri, Business and Finance Manger shared the finance report with the sub committee • Governors were informed there would be a predicted surplus of £351,000 this year. • We are still awaiting confirmation on the PDG grant. • The 3 year forecast shows that the school may be in a deficit for the year 24/25 however this does not show any grants which will be issued by WAG so is an unreliable indication. • With regards to staffing, 3 teachers have been taken to the next pay levels. It has also been agreed with one teacher that she can return to work part time, 3 days a week, following maternity leave. • RJ shared that we will be offering the schools old iPads to families, one per family. It was felt that given the current climate it would be helpful to issue





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	<p>the iPads free of charge as opposed to previous years where they have been sold to parents. The money would be issued to FOYE and FOYE already have a healthy balance. RJ has been approached by the charity commission querying the balance of the account. RJ also made it clear the summer fayre would not be a money making event. RJ wants the families to have fun and enjoy is after the last couple of years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Full Governing Body approved the end of year budgets.
<p>Health and Safety</p>	<p>AW gave an update on the recent health and safety committee meeting held on 10th May.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The canopy legs which were rotting have been replaced. • There have been no recent issues of vandalism. • The sensory garden is completed and the grand opening took place on Monday 27th June. • The school will be holding a wear yellow to school day on 5th July to raise awareness for parents to park safely outside school. A company called SUSTRANS would be accompanying the police to school on this day to answer parent's/children's questions, offer advice and hand out leaflets. We hope this will help with the parking issues outside the school. • RJ gave an update on the front entrance building plans. She explained that she had received an update from the building company this week to say that the work would not be completed during the summer holidays as originally thought. The office staff would need to be relocated for several weeks which would be too disruptive. RJ asked the opinion of governors regarding the building works. It was agreed that all plans should be paused for now and a meeting to discuss the possibility of a new plan would be called. <p>Action RJ to hold meeting to discuss new entrance</p>





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Curriculum committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RJ noted the hard work by all staff. They have worked extremely hard and thrown themselves into the new curriculum, there has been a real team spirit and everyone has pulled together to get everything ready for September.• RJ explained that teachers had been released from class for a planning day for the next term.• RJ reminded governors of the food and fun club being held for the first 3 weeks of the holidays.• RJ informed governors that Katie Mason has resigned from her role as year 5 class teacher and will be moving on to a new school from September. She thanked her for all her hard work. Katie thanked Rona and the governors for their support over the last few years.
Any other business	<p>As of this evening the governors now have no teacher governor and no vice chair. RJ asked the governors to think about a suitable replacement. Kevin Roberts has offered if there is no other offers of interest. AJ mentioned asking town councilors to join.</p> <p>Actions RJ to ask town councilors. Governors asked to think of the best person for the vice chair position.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 7.50pm</p>

