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Minutes of the Ysgol Emmanuel Full Governing Body meeting 24th March 2022

Present: Allison Parry Jones (APJ), Chair
Rona Jones (RJ)
Ann Jones (AJ)
Christine Maitland-Price (CMP)
Gill Howe (GH)
Kevin Roberts (KR)
Rev Glen Mansfield (GM)
Rachel Mellor (RM)

Apologies: Mark Budd
Gareth Pritchard
Linda Coleman
Sue nash – resigned
Ashley Jones - resigned
Dave Baker – no response, no longer has a child at the school so assumption is he’s no rejoining

Previous minutes	<p>APJ asked for an amendment to the last minutes to add that she was present. All attendees were happy with the minutes of the last meeting.</p> <p>RJ covered the actions of the last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To advertise for a new Clerk to the Governors - The role was advertised but no applications were received. Re-advertise. • All Governors must complete Safeguarding training - reminder to those who have not completed it. Some were struggling with HWB. RJ to resend link. • List of governor’s responsibilities needs to be looked at - Kevin proposed it be discussed in AOB. • Conference facilities for governors - IT provider agreed it would not be an issue but due to the need to set up the school's new equipment and only having IT support in school once a week there hasn’t been time to look into it yet. • Mark Budd to thank staff for their hard work - Mark sent letter. <p>Actions RJ to readvertise for Clerk to Governors RJ to resend safeguarding link to governors</p>
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<p>Headteachers report</p>	<p>RJ presented the Headteachers report and the updated SDP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma Informed Schools • GL assessment taken place this half term. National tests are next term • Changes to the ALN bill have been implemented. Education minister has extended the deadline for adding the first batch of pupils <p>RJ shared that the recent parent survey was very positive. There were a lot more excellents than last year. The main feedback from parents was that they miss coming into school. RJ is hoping to welcome parents back into school when COVID restrictions have lifted.</p>
<p>Sub committees - Finance</p>	<p>The finance committee met on the 8th of February. There is a revised projected surplus of £319,702 for end of year. Eleri is currently working on closing the books for the end of this financial year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RJ informed governors that the school has received several grants from the Welsh Government which had to be spent by 31st March. This has enabled the school to purchase new IT equipment and teachers were all given a budget to spend on resources for their classes. All resources have been ordered and is currently arriving in class. • ALN provision - The Rhyl cluster will be losing £53,000 due to the new ALN provision however county may cover the shortfall for schools losing money. • Unfortunately, due to restrictions with COVID the AstroTurf hasn't been completed yet. • There is an overspend in the RLC sickness pool. Long COVID is not recognised under the sickness grant which can be attributed to the overspend. • Winter of Wellbeing project - RJ secured funding for 28 of the school's vulnerable children to receive after school childcare provision and wraparound care for younger pupils. Little Lambs is running this provision and it lasts for 10 weeks. • Changes to staffing - ALNCo is struggling to complete the heavy workload while still completing 50% teaching time so has been released from the classroom to catch up. <p>KR asked if the grants received are revenue or capital grants. RJ explained that the individual grants all come with very specific spending criteria which have all been adhered to. KR suggested the school make a "wish list" of projects/wants/needs for the school so if the school is ever given grants to spend in such a short timescale again the list can referred to.</p> <p>RJ raised her concerns over the future provision of all primary school aged children in Wales receiving a free school meal. The school currently receive £250,000 through the PDG grant based on the number of pupils entitled to FSM the school currently have. The question has been raised what provision will be</p>



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	<p>made to replace the PDG and sustain the resources the PDG currently pay for such as reductions in trips/staff.</p> <p>KR raised his concerns over the ALNCo role. Responsibility for ALN children has recently been moved from the county to schools and KR is concerned over the pressures on the ALNCo. He has raised his concerns about this to the county. He's heard the IT program isn't working well. RJ reassured him that all the RLC ALNCo's are working closely together and supporting each other. Our ALNCo is a lead in our IT provision has been instrumental in rolling out the new IT system so once she has the time out of class she should be ok.</p>
<p>Health and Safety</p>	<p>CMP gave an update on the recent health and safety committee meeting held on 25th January.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated risk assessments were shared and agreed. • Further measures have been taken to avoid parents parking on yellow lines during drop off. • Work on the sensory garden is still ongoing. CMP is chasing completion of the work daily. • CMP has asked for the AstroTurf to be completed asap. • The school has recently completed a successful fire drill. PAT testing and fire alarm testing has been completed. • A defibrillator has recently been installed outside of the school funded by a local builder.
<p>Curriculum committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The curriculum committee were able to meet in person, socially distanced, on 15th March. • The Language, Literacy and Communication walk took place recently with the headteacher, deputy head and LLC lead. It was decided to rename Book Scrutiny to Book Look as it was kinder to staff. The Book Look was very successful. There was clear progression in pupils' work and the new curriculum is being implemented well. There is a marked improvement in reading with possibly a slight detriment to writing so staff are working on this. • Vending machines for books have been ordered and will be used to celebrate reading. Children will receive reward tokens which they can spend in the vending machine. • The deputy head is leading on the ongoing implementation of the new curriculum. • RJ and LC are looking closely at the assessment data results. They are looking at pupil's progression from their nursery baseline assessments to current assessment results and will look into the differences in results between selected groups such as gender/FSM pupils/summer births etc.





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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school council are meeting regularly and working well. They have recently been tackling the issues of dog poo and parent parking. • During the summer holidays the school will be running a Fun, Food and Nutrition club for 3 weeks (previously the SHEP programme). Children will learn about healthy eating. There is a provision for 40 children and is fully funded by WAG. <p>Children's school uniforms are currently looking scruffy. Pupils have begun wearing jogging pants and non logo'd jumpers. Letters have gone out this week to all FSM identified parents to encourage them to apply for the grant and see if they are eligible.</p>
Policies	The new inclusion policy which replaces the ALN policy has been created in consultation with ALNCoS. The policy was agreed and ratified.
Any other business	<p>The roles of governors was discussed. There were some gaps on certain committees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AJ offered to join the Finance committee • KM offered to join Curriculum • GH, APJ offered to join the complaints committee • KR, APJ, MB on staff discipline committee • AJ, GM, GP on Staff appeal committee • RM to join ALN committee • GH volunteered to join the Wellbeing committee. • RJ mentioned that the set up of the governors is quite out of date. She requested that all governors let her know when they joined so she can work out when their term comes to an end. • RJ informed the group that Inspections will be restarting soon so she will begin getting things in order for this. • RJ has been informed that there should be a School Governing Body Champion for TA's. It was agreed that RJ would ask TA's. <p>Actions RJ will send out updated committee list. RJ to ask TA's about becoming a Governing body Champion Governors to let RJ know when they joined.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 7.35pm</p>

