

Governor Newsletter

AUTUMN TERM 2017

Headline News

The Autumn Term saw some exciting developments for us as a governing body. We welcomed new governors, Katie Hiskey and Neil Watson to the team. We also welcomed Rob Glozier officially and Mark Goulbourne. Therefore we currently have only one vacancy (LA governor).

We are now almost at full capacity and have been able to restructure our committees in order to manage the governance of the school in a more focused way. We have been able to create sub-committees that take responsibility for Finance, Personnel, Health and Safety and Teaching and Learning. These committees are made up by members of the full governing body and feed back to the Governing Body during full Governor Meetings.

Finance Committee

The finance committee consists of Mr Rob Glozier (Chair), Mr Mark Goulbourne and Mrs Jayne Fleet. They meet Mrs North half termly to review income and expenditure in line with the needs of the school. The next finance committee meeting will take place on 8th February when they will meet with Mrs Hill to review the current year's budget.

Personnel

The personnel committee consists of Mr Rob Glozier, Mrs Mandi Papworth-Boston (Chair), and Dr Neil Watson. They meet with the head teacher 3 times per year to review personnel plans, staff development and to review head teacher performance. Their next meeting date is the 22nd March 2017.

Teaching and Learning

This committee consists of Dr Neil Watson (Chair), Mrs Jayne Fleet, Miss Katie Hiskey and Mrs Angela Wood. The Teaching and Learning Standards Committee has been reviewing the school's data from the Autumn Term assessments. The committee has also been looking at the Termly Operational Plan for the school in order to understand how the school is responding to the needs of its learners and to target governor's visits to the school.



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

In the near future the governing we will be sending out a feedback questionnaire to the parents of students at the school, and updating our website. We are also actively preparing for Ofsted inspections at the school.

Welcome to our first Governor Newsletter

The governing body is a team of volunteers from a variety of different backgrounds who are all working hard to help the school provide the best education possible for our children. We play an increasingly important role in the leadership and management of the school but we realise that much of our work is behind the scenes and that our meetings all happen in the evenings so many of you don't know what we do. I know many people would like to know who the governors are and what we do, so this newsletter is one way of responding to your request.

Our relationship with parents and carers

We believe that parents and carers play a crucial role in helping our children succeed in their education and we are keen to work in partnership with you, along with our children and staff to make the school the best it can be. An important part of this is getting regular feedback from parents, so we can better understand the needs of you and your children and take these into account when making decisions about the school. There are various ways in which you can give us your feedback, comments and general views about all areas of school life:

1. Respond to our parent surveys
2. Email us with your positive feedback, questions, ideas, queries or concerns (our contact details are on the website).

As governors we do conduct surveys, at least annually, to gather parent views on all aspects of the school and we would urge you to respond to these as we do use the responses.

Dates for forthcoming meetings

Full Governors Meetings - All meetings held at 7pm (minutes available on request at the school)

- 22nd February 2018
- 3rd May 2018
- 5th July 2018

Subcommittee meetings are on the following dates:

- Personnel (22nd March 2018 & 7th June 2018)
- Learning and Standards Committee (9th March 2018, 20th April 2018 & 22nd June 2018)
- Finance Committee (8th February 2018 & 26th April 2018)

Website

Find out more information about us on the new pages on the governor section of the school website