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## Public Minutes of the Local Governing Board of Ravenscroft Primary School

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	
<b>Time:</b>	19.00pm	
<b>Venue:</b>	Ravenscroft School, Carson Road, London E16 4BG	
<b>Present:</b>	Anush Begoyan Patricia Regis Natalia Karpukhina Elizabeth O'Connell Simon Bond	Co-opted Representative (Chair) Co-opted Representative Parent Representative Parent Representative Head Teacher
<b>In attendance:</b>	Janice Faldo	Clerk

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The meeting commenced at 7.15pm

### 113. WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS / APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / QUORUM

Governors and attendees were welcomed to the meeting. Apologies were received and condoned from Louise Baker and Graham Folkes. The absence of Veronica Nosiri and Jakira Rowshan was noted but not condoned. Governors noted that the meeting was quorate.

### 114. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest on any item on the agenda. Governors completed declaration of interest forms for this academic year.

### 115. PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS LOCAL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2019 were **AGREED** as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

### 116. MATTERS ARISING AND ACTION LIST

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

### 117. CONSTITUTION

#### a. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

The Clerk called for nominations and Anush Begoyan was proposed and seconded and unanimously re-elected as Chair of Ravenscroft Local Governing Board for one year.

The Chair called for nominations and Graham Folkes was proposed and seconded and unanimously re-elected as Vice Chair of Ravenscroft Local Governing Board for one year.

#### b. Staff Governor Election

Governors noted that the term of office for Louise Baker ends on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019. The school will hold an election prior to the next LGB meeting.

#### c. Governors' Forum Representative

It was **AGREED** that Anush Begoyan would serve as representative on the Governors' Forum.

#### d. NPW Delegated Attendee

It was **AGREED** that Mr Graham Folkes would serve as delegated attendee.

**e. Link Governors:**

The following Link Governors will be confirmed at the next meeting:-

- Safeguarding                      Veronica Nosiri
- SEND                                      Patricia Regis / Elizabeth O'Connell

**118. Main business**

**a. Head Teacher Report**

Governors considered the report of the Head Teacher and the following points were highlighted:-

- The KS2 results were
  - Reading                      90%
  - Writing                      88%
  - Maths                      90%
  - GPS                      85%
  - Combined                      85%
- The School Improvement Partner visited last term. She met with staff, scrutinised documentation and carried out lesson observations. She identified strengths and areas for development in English, maths and science. She noted that all phase leaders need to be completely up to date and knowledgeable about the data in their phase and that the learning environment needs to improve so that it stimulates and supports the pupils' learning. She will focus on SEN pupils, the learning environment and look at progress across the curriculum.
- Nick Turvey, a National Leader of Education carried out a review of pupil premium on behalf of the Trust consisting of discussion with leaders about pupil outcomes in 2018 and indicative outcomes for 2019, review of information published on the school website, analysis of pupil work in all subjects from EYFC to Y3 and discussion with middle leaders and a governor. Strengths and areas for improvement were identified and next steps include ensuring that the published Pupil Premium statement accurately describes the external and internal barriers experienced by pupils and their families, development of middle leaders and governors' confidence to identify successes, challenges and impact of spending.
- The school priorities are:-
  - Increase the percentage of pupils achieving at or above the expected standard in reading in each year group
  - Parental engagement
  - Develop pupils' oracy skills
  - Curriculum
  - Improve the percentage of pupils achieving greater depth in all subjects
  - Implement a strategy to enhance staff well-being
- As per governors request at the last meeting, the fixed term exclusion report covering the last 5 years shows a significant decrease on the number of pupils being externally excluded.

**Q. What are the main barriers to learning for pupil premium pupils?**

**A. The in-school barriers include low entry points and lack of resilience and independence in Nursery and Reception and poor language skills. External barriers include social deprivation and poor attendance.**

**Q. How do you tackle poor or persistent absence?**

**A. No term requests for absence are agreed. The Government set a fixed penalty on parents of pupils whose absence dips below a certain level.**

**Q.** Has there been any impact on the fixed penalty fines?

**A.** No, parents would rather pay the fine than the additional costs for holidays/flights. The advertisement on television of cheap breaks puts added pressure on absence figures.

**Q.** What clubs are offered within the Pupil Premium?

**A.** A range of clubs including, cookery, sports, languages and mindfulness along with breakfast clubs and a Year 6 residential trip enriches the curriculum for the pupils and makes the school a place where they want to be resulting in a positive impact on attendance and their attitude towards teachers.

**Q.** Why has the science results declined over the last 3 years?

**A.** The main focus is on reading, writing and maths. Governors should be aware that although there is a decline since 2017, the figures are still above national average.

## **DECISION**

- Governors approved the Pupil Premium Strategy 2019/2020.
- Fixed term exclusion report to be presented at the next meeting and yearly reports henceforth.

There being no further questions governors thanked the Head Teacher for his concise and informative report.

### **b. Keeping Children Safe in Education**

Governors noted and signed a waiver to indicate they are aware of the updated KCSIE document.

### **c. Governor Code of Conduct**

Governors signed to indicated that had received a copy of the Code of Conduct.

## **119. Standing Items**

### **a. Governor Visits and training**

No visits or training has been undertaken since the last meeting. Governors were signposted to on-line training that is available.

### **b. Policies**

There were no policies to agree or adopt.

### **c. Safeguarding/Single Central Record**

The CEO has inspected the Single Central Record for this term and found all to be in order. Governors were advised that the Safeguarding policy has been updated with the amendments to KCSIE. Governors acknowledged, and the Chair signed, the annual Safeguarding report that will be submitted to the local authority.

## **120. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting**

- KCSIE for governors not in attendance at this meeting.
- Confirmation of link governors

## **121. Any Other Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business that needed to be discussed.

## **112. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting**

Governors noted the following meeting dates for the remainder of the academic year.

### **Autumn Term**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7pm

### **Summer Term**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7pm

**Summer Term**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 7pm

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020 (tbc) – Governors' Awards Day

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Anush Begoyan  
Chair of Governors