
Public Minutes of the Local Governing Board of Ravenscroft Primary School

Date: Thursday 18th March 2021

Time: 19.00pm

Venue: Via Zoom

Present:

Anush Begoyan	Co-opted Representative (Chair)
Patricia Regis	Co-opted Representative
Jakira Rowshan	Co-opted Representative
Natalia Karpukhina	Parent Representative
Elizabeth O'Connell	Parent Representative
Louise Baker	Staff Representative
Simon Bond	Headteacher

In attendance: Janice Faldo Clerk – Education Space

203. Welcome / Introductions / Apologies for Absence / Quorum

All Governors and attendees were welcomed to the meeting. Apologies were received from Graham Folkes.

204. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest on any item on the agenda.

205. Public Minutes of the Previous Local Governing Board Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th January 2021 were verbally **AGREED** as an accurate record and will be officially signed by the Chair at a future meeting.

206. Matters Arising and Action List

Min 198 – The Chair has spoken with her employers regarding donations for devices and will update at the next meeting.

207. Constitution

i Co-opted Governors

Governors are advised that the appointment of the following governors were ratified at the

- Trust Board meeting on the 11 February 2021:
- Ms Anush Begoyan
- Mr Graham Folkes
- Ms Patricia Regis
- Ms Jakira Rowsah

ii. Update on Co-opted Governor Vacancy

The Chair advised that she has approached a potential governor who has experience in accounting and taxation who is also involved in the voluntary education sector.

ACTION

- The Chair will arrange a virtual meeting with the LGB at a mutual convenient time.

iii. Link Governors

Governors noted the appointment of link governors as agreed at the meeting on 3rd December 2020 with the exception of Louise Baker who is not the training link governor as training is the responsibility of the Trust.

208. Matters of Note from the Trust Board and Committees

Patricia Regis, Trust Board member, advised that Trust are reviewing new assessment system from Nursery to Year 6. The Trust is currently undertaking due diligence on a school un Tower Hamlets that has expressed an interest in joining Boleyn Trust. The school is currently part of a failing MAT. The Trust is also the Teaching School Hub for Newham, Barking and Dagenham and Havering local authorities who will be running early career work and other outreach support. The Trust's finances are very good.

ACTION

- Update on the Teaching School Hub at the next meeting

209. Main Business

a. Head Teacher Report

Governors considered the report of the Headteacher which had been uploaded to Governor Hub and the following points were highlighted:-

- Remote learning has continued since the last Governors meeting. Teachers have created video clips of themselves teaching lesson introductions in addition to signposting other clips on web-based educational platforms – e.g. BBC Bitesize, Oak Academy etc. These continued to complement our bespoke Google Classroom slides and presentations ensuring that the curriculum was being taught robustly and in sequence. Teachers continued to be in daily contact with pupils on Google Classroom, as well as going on to host live sessions on either a daily, or weekly basis. These sessions allowed opportunities for pupils to see and speak to their teacher and classmates, for reasons of well-being, as well as providing the opportunity for teachers to provide more comprehensive support for children academically where appropriate.
- The school received a further allocation of approximately 60 laptops from the Department of Education in February; this takes the combined total of laptops loaned out to pupils by the school to approximately 120. We were able to target a number of younger disadvantaged children in Year 2, as well as in some cases providing a second laptop to some disadvantaged families with two, three or more children.
- Minor amendments have been made to the school's Covid-19 Risk Assessment in advance of the full opening including the requirement of all parents and carers to wear face coverings whilst on the school premises.
- Teachers are resuming a full curriculum, in-line with the expectations of the DfE and consistent with the content of the school's remote learning offer over the lockdown period – however, teachers have been encouraged to capitalise on opportunities to focus on reading, writing, grammar and mathematics where they feature within all curriculum areas.
- Pupils appear to have returned happy and have very quickly fallen back into the school's routines. They have displayed the high expectations of behaviour and attitude that we would expect from them and we were delighted to see that the attendance for the first week was 97.54%. Teachers will be assessing both formally and informally gaps in pupils' attainment and in their confidence in order to address them within the class, within additional intervention groups and also through extra-curricular academic clubs which teachers will resume in the near future.

- Staff are strongly encouraged to engage in the use of lateral flow twice weekly. As has been the case since the opening of all schools in June 2020, the school will instruct teachers and groups of pupils to self-isolate in the event of positive cases occurring within 'bubbles'.
- A number of staff have received vaccinations as the local authority have designated teachers and support staff who work closely with pupils who have complex needs, and cannot socially distance, as front-line care workers.
- A SIP visit took place on 25th February 2021 using the most recently updated Inspection Data Summary Report. She noted the significant progress in KS2 in all three subjects and attainment at expected levels acknowledging that Ravenscroft is in the top 20% of schools in the country. She noted that the Headteacher was familiar with the IDSR and that she was able to have an in-depth discussion about the data implications for the school moving forward. The next steps are to increase the percentage of pupils considered to be higher attaining at KS2 in reading and writing, monitoring the attainment and progress of Year 4, look at the attainment on entry of EYFS in 2019 who are currently in Year 2 and continue to monitor attendance.

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

210. Standing Items

i. School Link Visits Feedback and Planning

No visits or training have taken place due to the current situation.

Q. Can visits now take place?

A. Governors should contact the Headteacher who will arrange a secure visit meeting the risk assessment procedure.

ii. RHE Policy

Governors were advised that the school will start teaching the new RHE curriculum in the summer term. The RHE Policy has been tailored to meet the needs of the school from the Newham policy. Teaching of human reproduction has been removed as it is not statutory in primary schools, however, this will be reviewed in a year and, if the decision is made to teach human reproduction to Year 6, parents will have the right to withdraw their child.

DECISION

- Governors **AGREED** to ratify the Relationship Health Education Policy

iii. Safeguarding / Single Central Record

Natalia Karpukhina advised that she was unable to meet with the safeguarding lead due to her absence and will rearrange when possible.

iv. Governor Training

Natalia Karpukhina has carried out Prevent training provided by the Trust which she found useful and very informative.

211. Future Meetings

Governors discussed how future meetings should take place once the pandemic has passed and **AGREED** that the next meeting should take place virtually and the July meeting or Governors' Awards Day to take place subject to social distancing guidelines.

Q. Will pupils still receive awards if the awards day does not take place?

A. The point of the day is for pupils to receive an award in the presence of their peers. The Headteacher will review how this should take place.

212. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

- Update on the Teaching School Hub
- Future meetings – virtual or in person?

213. Any Other Urgent Business

There was urgent business to discuss.

214. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

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

Summer Term

Thursday 27th May 2021

Governors' Awards Day or LGB meeting –to be confirmed subject to current Covid 19 guidelines

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed:

Date:

Anush Begoyan

Chair of Governors