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GRANTA SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY MEETING

THURSDAY 21st April 2022 at 6.00pm via Zoom

MINUTES



Governors: Paul Ilott (Chair) (PI), Ruchi Datta (Head Teacher), Jeff Andrews (JA), Lucinda Billington (LB), Chris Clarke (CC), (SC), Liz Hunt (LH), Gill Taylor (GT), Ian Wilson (IW).

Associate Members: Sarah Crouch (SC).

Ann Abineri: Camclerk.

The meeting was quorate.

1.	Welcome PI welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from: Governors: Jill Broadley, Hilary Crooks, Laura Jeffs, David Jones. Associate members: Linda Alefounder, Matt Seymour. Associate Member not required to be present: Jonathan Hirst.	ACTIONS
3.	Declarations of Pecuniary Interest: There were no declarations of interests concerning items on the agenda. No amendments to the Register of Pecuniary Interests were requested.	
3.	Minutes of Full Governing Body meeting 24th March 2022 Agreed as a true record. To be signed by the Chair on GovernorHub. <u>Matters arising not included on this agenda</u> Membership: Clerk confirmed action completed Ecological issues: ongoing Great Expectations sheets and presentation: ongoing Away Day: confirmed as 13 th July 2022 Governance Impact review: feedback awaited Ofsted information: The HT confirmed action completed. Skills Audit: PI has received responses from the majority of Governors and will collate Pupil Voice: shared with CC as requested Website Review: completed by GT. PI and the HT to discuss. Agreed that the format is good.	The HT and PI SC PI The HT and PI

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<p>4.</p>	<p>Discussion of budget with a view to ratification Approval recommended to the FGB by the FPHS committee who met on 21st March 2022. PI explained that accuracy is very difficult in these fast changing times. It was noted that further information has been received from the Schools Finance Advisor today which LAF has added to the commentary made available to the Governors. This amendment related to expenditure on gas supply</p> <p>A Governor asked about capital financing from revenue on page 1. The HT explained that this figure has not changed but is presented in a different place on the report to clarify the Carry Forward.</p> <p>A Governor asked about money allocated for The Hive when we haven't taken responsibility for The Hive yet. The HT explained that the school is expecting responsibility to be passed over in May 2022.</p> <p>A Governor asked what Outreach Funding pays for. The HT explained that this LA funding, which is part of an SLA, pays for 3 days cover by an HTLA which frees up the Senior Leadership Team for Outreach. In response to further question the HT explained that the Outreach covers projects such as work in the community and sharing best practice through offering training.</p> <p>A Governor asked about the sum stated in Duke of Edinburgh fundraising budget line and the HT explained that this represents student fundraising. Bronze and Silver Awards can be funded through this pot but there is a shortfall of approx. £2,000 which prevents the Gold being offered, particularly due to cost of residential trips. It was noted that only a small number of pupils would be working towards the Gold award. IW stated that this is useful information when he approaches possible funders. PI pointed out this may be suitable for the Hannah Fund. He will discuss this further with the HT</p> <p>A Governor asked about the effects of inflation on planned works. The HT explained that a number are agreed quotes. Other projects, such as the playground, are still to be designed so the quote will be built around the budget.</p> <p>A Governor asked for information on The Hive business case plan. The HT said that this can be provided. The Governor asked for accurate staffing numbers and the HT agreed to add a breakdown to each terms HR report. She explained that fluctuations mean that a termly report on this is reasonable but it would not be good use of time to report on every fluctuation.</p> <p>A Governor commented on the unpredictability of future figures and asked for confirmation that this year's deficit of £200,000 is being covered by Carry Over and if this is the case, how is this sustainable. The HT explained this is common to most schools and across Local Authorities. Many costs are fixed or essential in which case increases cannot be avoided. A Governor commented that cuts have been made in recent years and this has improved the position. Covid funding has also contributed to funding received. The HT pointed out that funding formula is being recalculated by the</p>	<p>PI and the HT</p> <p>The HT</p>
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	<p>DfE.</p> <p>A Governor commented on the aging building and how reduction in the quality of the fabric will lead to a lowering in morale for all connected with the school.</p> <p><u>Proposal: submit budget to the LA.</u> JA proposed, GT seconded, all in favour. Therefore this Budget has been approved for submission to the LA.</p>	
5.	<p>Any Other Business <u>Governor Schedule</u> Curriculum committee members asked to arrange visits. (EY, Pre Formal Pathway, Pupil Progress need visits).</p> <p>PP and sports premium impact: IW to contact the HT to arrange this visit. Safeguarding catch up due this term. JA confirmed that his H& S report has been completed and he will discuss with the HT and PI. Meet with the Pupils: LH offered to do this visit.</p> <p>A Governor asked the HT to confirm that when The Hive is handed over, defects will still be the responsibility of the LA and the HT confirmed this, JA and GT agreed to do a H & S visit to The Hive in due course.</p>	
6.	<p>Date of next Meeting: 6pm Thursday 7th July 2022 (at Granta) "Away Day" 13th July 2022 at school – timings will be confirmed via GovernorHub calendar.</p>	

Meeting closed: 18.35