

EAST AYTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Governing Body held at the school on 23rd February at 7pm.

Present	Chair Head Teacher	Samantha Hay (SH) Derek Johnson (DJ) Lynda Calvert (LC) Rabia Firfirey (RF) Eileen Race (ER) Tim Watts (TW) David Tomlinson (DT) Paul Wilson (PW) Caroline Reddish (CR) Greg Harper (GH)	Co-opted Governor Headteacher Parent Governor Parent Governor Co-opted Governor Co-opted Governor LA Governor Staff Governor Staff Governor Co-opted Governor
	Apologies	Lesley Gibbons (LG)	Parent Governor
	Clerk	Lee Barker (LB)	

Item	Minute	Action
36	<p>Welcome SH welcomed everyone to the meeting especially Greg Harper who was joining his first meeting as a Governor. SH reminded everyone that this was an additional Governors meeting called specifically to consider the question of lowering the school age range.</p>	
37	<p>Apologies for absence. Lesley Gibbons had sent her apologies and tendered her resignation and will therefore not attend any further meetings.</p>	
38	<p>Declaration of interests and reminder of governor protocol. SH invited governors to declare any interest in matters which are the subject of, or are connected with, any item of business on the agenda. There were no declarations of interest.</p> <p>SH reminded governors of their responsibility to the school and the need for discussions in the meeting to be treated with confidentiality. Governors should act as a "critical friend" to the school. Decisions made by the GB will have an impact on the school and it is important that discussions within the GB remain confidential</p>	
39	<p>To determine whether any part of the proceedings should be treated as confidential and excluded from the minutes to be made available for public inspection. None</p>	
40	<p>Notification of urgent other business. Lesley Gibbons resignation GSins to be picked up under Item 47 Governor Training Head Teachers Performance Committee</p>	
41	<p>To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting Minutes were unanimously approved</p>	
42	<p>To consider matters arising from the minutes and for which there is no separate agenda item.</p>	

	No matters arising	
43	<p>To receive a briefing on the responses to the consultation about changing the school age range</p> <p>DJ reminded governors that the consultation was to act as guidance on lowering the age range to 3 - 11</p> <p>19 written responses had been received all of which were positive</p> <p>Governor Question Were all the responses from people interested in using the services? - DJ predominantly but one or two from parents of ex pupils. The majority expressed interest in their child attending the nursery.</p>	
44	<p>To decide on whether or not to lower the school age range to 3 -11</p> <p>SH proposed that the school lower the age range to 3 to 11 in order to accommodate the nursery.</p> <p>It was agreed unanimously that the age range be lowered to 3 – 11.</p> <p>Governor Question If we subsequently decide that we want to take two year olds in nursery would we have to have the consultation again or could we as Governors decide to lower the age to 2 -11? It was thought that we would have to consult again but this would be verified as and when needed.</p>	
45	<p>To decide on the make-up of a nursery working party if required</p> <p>It was decided that Governors would join a nursery working party to provide input in to the decisions staff are making and provide support to them as they develop plans for the nursery. DJ said that a lot of decisions could be made at the first meeting and then the working party would meet once per month thereafter.</p> <p>SH suggested that a minimum of three Governors would be required.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Governors on the nursery working party would be:</p> <p>Linda Calvert – Chair of working party Greg Harper Rabia Firfirey</p> <p>Tim Watts said he would assist with the options appraisal</p> <p>Agreed that, within the bounds of the delegated decisions framework, that the working party has the autonomy to take this forward without reverting back to the Full Governing Body.</p> <p>First meeting set for 4th March at 1pm.</p> <p>DJ said he would like to invite pertinent members of staff and the Governors agreed that this would be necessary.</p> <p>PW asked what we would now call the school. Can we still call ourselves a primary school. This is one area the workshop will discuss.</p>	
46	<p>To receive the Head Teachers February Report including Pupil Progress and Data analysis</p> <p>The update report had already been circulated. DJ reported that the School Improvement Committee would consider Pupil Progress and Data Analysis in detail.</p> <p>Governor Question Where did the Raise on line data take us to? - DJ to July 2015.</p> <p>Governor Question Do you think that if you did this again you would see an improvement? - DJ Really difficult to compare because the assessment criteria has changed significantly. DJ would report to all Governors against the new assessment criteria at the next School Improvement Committee on 8th March when he would explain in detail the new system.</p> <p>Governor Comment With the new system we must not lose the analysis which demonstrates that we are making significant progress but are still not reaching the national average. The rate of progress was above the national average.</p> <p>DJ reported that staff have just carried out the first assessments of year end attainment</p> <p>Governor Comment What school has to do is make sure we have a strong</p>	

	narrative and understanding of why the results are what they are and have consistency in assessment Governor Question Although not required to have levels should the school maintain our own tracking data and be able to demonstrate progress made. PW - Should be able to see the progress with book reviews. It is still not clear how SATS results will be reported.	
47	Governor Training GH will be attending Governor Induction Training SH asked for Governor attendance at the next GSin meeting GH and ER agreed to attend	
48	Urgent other business identified at Item 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Governor has resigned so DJ will proceed with the parent elections. • The Headteacher Performance Committee has been agreed at 1.00pm on Wednesday 2nd March. In addition to the external representative it was agreed that DT and ER would also participate	
49	Declaration of Business Interest No new declarations	
50	Impact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changed the constitution of the school and made plans to further progress school development • More aware of how school measures pupil progress and the impact this has on Governor understanding of school performance 	
51	Date and time of next meeting Monday March 14 th at 7pm	

Meeting closed at 19:48

Signed

Date