

Walford Nursery and Primary School - Impact Statement following Board of Governors Meeting - Wednesday 11th May 2022.

Introduction

The Governors are very keen to ensure that parents/carers are kept informed of the work of the board of governors. On the school website, under the **Governor's** banner, please take time to read through the **'Walford Governor's - Governance and Strategic Leadership Document - 2020'** - This sets the scene in relation to how the governing board meetings and committees are structured and organised, and the important work which is undertaken by the governing board.

As Chair, I noted that the main item for consideration at this meeting was to approve the school budget for 2022/2023. Huge thanks to the Headteacher, Louise George and to the Business Manager for providing all relevant information regarding the budget which is much appreciated.

A summary of the discussions is as follows:-

1. School Business Committee

The HT provided a very detailed report for the Committee.

i) The main discussion surrounded the approval of the budget for 2022/23. Issues of concern regarding energy costs, future pay and benchmarking with other schools had all been considered. There were some general observations about how well the school was being managed regarding its finances. All governors supported the proposed budget.

ii) All relevant policies were up to date.

iii) The proposed budget for the school nursery was also approved.

iv) The HT was also thanked for her comprehensive report. The Business Manager was thanked for her work and ongoing support regarding regular budget updates.

2. Standards Teaching and Learning Committee

The HT produced a very detailed report.

i) Key information and data was provided for the committee. It was noted that there were 199 pupils on roll, with 103 girls and 96 boys. The average attendance figure was around 94.3% with the national average being 92%.

ii) The HT reported that strategies were in place to raise achievement for all pupils, as well as to ensure there was high quality teaching and learning opportunities across all year groups. There was also a discussion on assessment, tracking and pupil progress and attainment. Following the disruption caused by the pandemic, the school continue to focus on specific aspects of writing, particularly spelling which is being monitored by the Standards, Teaching & Learning Committee.

iii) School visits and learning outside the classroom was also discussed. The school offered an excellent range of opportunities for all pupils. The HT reported on the residential trip to London

for pupils in Year 5 and Year 6. All was well planned with an excellent programme of visits for the pupils. The HT was thanked for supporting the visit following the return to as much normality as was possible following the disruption of COVID 19.

iv) The Governors noted some outstanding results regarding engineering awards which would be presented at Coventry University. Out of 33,000 competition entries, eight pupils across the school from Nursery through to Year 6 won the prestigious year group award.

v) All relevant policies were up to date.

vi) The HT was thanked for her comprehensive report, and for the excellent work being undertaken by all staff to support pupils at the school.

vii) The HT reported that Sarah Somers, School Improvement Adviser, would be visiting the school in order to complete a curriculum review of the Nursery and Year R.

3. Pupils, Personnel and Community Committee

The HT provided a very detailed report for this Committee.

i) The committee reviewed key issues in relation to staffing and personnel. There were no issues of concern. HT would make the necessary arrangements for the interviews for the teaching staff vacancy.

ii) All relevant policies were up to date.

iii) The HT was thanked for her comprehensive report and for all of the ongoing support given to staff and pupils at this time.

4. School Improvement Plan

The Headteacher presented the School Improvement Plan which is reviewed regularly by Governors. No issues of concern were raised or noted. The Vice Chair of Governors would continue to review this document termly and report back to the governing body.

5. SEND and More Able Pupils (MAT) - Report.

There were no issues of concern or worries noted. All relevant policies were up to date.

6. Safeguarding - Update

Governors would review training and development so that all governors were up to date. There were no ongoing issues of concern reported.

7. Parent Teacher and Friends Association - PTFA

The PTFA had been extremely active in supporting events at the school for parents/carers and for pupils. As Chair of Governors, I thanked the PTFA for their continued excellent work, highlighting that the Governors greatly appreciated the additional funding being provided for the benefit of all pupils at the school. Projects included individual pupils raising funds for Class Libraries and discussions on the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations at the school. As Chair, I am hoping to meet members of the PTFA and community partners at the school's annual 'Thank You Assembly' in order to thank them in person.

8. School Website

The website is up to date.

9. School Nursery

All was working well as far as the nursery was concerned. Funding was reported separately as a budget heading. The budget, numbers of pupils and staffing were also being regularly reviewed. No issues of concern were raised.

10. Governors continued to act as a **'Critical friend'** to the school. At each meeting, governors offered appropriate 'support and challenge' and made recommendations/decisions as required. There is an effective professional working relationship between the school and governors/governance.

11. The Chair also thanked the **Clerk to Governors** for ably putting together all of the relevant paperwork in readiness for the meeting.

12. The Chair also thanked the **Governors** for their input and support which is much appreciated.

13. The Chair finally thanked **Louise George, Head Teacher, SLT and overall 'Team Walford'** for their superb work, dedication and commitment. This Spring Term had been incredibly busy. Governors wished to thank Louise and her team for the excellent work in supporting all pupils, and also for all that they did to enhance, enrich and support pupil's education on a daily basis. Everything being undertaken aims to continue the key message from the school's mission statement of:-

Learning and Enjoyment...Every Child, Every Opportunity, Every Day.

Paul Deneen

Chair of the Board of Governors

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