

Walford Nursery and Primary School - Impact Statement following Board of Governors Meeting - Wednesday 16th February 2022.

Introduction

The Governors are 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, alongside the important work which is undertaken by the governing board.

1. Strategic Group - Briefing prior to the full Governors meeting.

The Chair, HT, DHT, Chairs and Vice Chairs of committees met to discuss key strategic issues and work programmes, including updating policies. There was also a discussion on DFE guidance regarding school uniform, curriculum, safeguarding and pupil premium updates.

2. Standards Teaching and Learning Committee

As a result of COVID 19, the committee meeting had been postponed until January.

The HT had produced a very useful overview document of key information, which mentioned numbers on roll (201); National assessments were expected to go ahead this year, including: Year 1 Phonics screening; KS1 SATs; Year 4 Multiplication Check; KS2 SATs and teacher assessments. A range of strategies are in place to further assist progress and attainment.

Attendance as at 24.01.2022 was 94.21%.

The Chair of the committee reported that there were no issues of concern noted at the present time. The committee meeting had been very productive.

Other issues discussed at the meeting included:

- presentations by staff on reading, Design Technology (DT), Music and Personal, Social, Health & Economic Education (PSHE);
- an update on 'recovery premium';
- staff training on phonics and autism;
- school assessment data on maths, reading and writing and a report had been prepared and discussed;
- a curriculum update;
- an update on school educational visits;
- information on PE funding/sports premium;
- agreed update as part of a programme of policy reviews on complaints, equalities and pupil behaviour.

3. School Improvement Plan

The Headteacher had produced an updated School Improvement Plan. This is reviewed regularly by Governors. No issues of concern were raised or noted.

4. SEND and More Able Pupils and Pupil Premium,' Recovery Premium' and 'Pupil Voice.'

Governors would review these areas next term and would report on them at the next meeting.

5. Safeguarding - Update

A safeguarding review had been carried out by the Vice Chair. There were no issues of concern reported. Governors would review training and development so that all were up to date. This should be completed by the end of February.

6. Parent Teacher and Friends Association - PTFA

The PTFA had been extremely active in supporting events at the school for parents/carers and pupils. The Chair of Governors thanked the PTFA for their excellent work and said how the Governors greatly appreciated the additional funding being provided for the benefits of the pupils at the school.

7. School Website

The website was up to date.

8. School Nursery

All was working well as far as the nursery was concerned. No issues were raised. Numbers were most encouraging. Funding was reported separately as a budget heading and the budget will be reviewed regularly.

9. School Business Committee

There were no issues of concern noted. The Business Manager was thanked for her work and for her regular budget updates. The committee has a scheduled meeting in March and so a report would be available for the next meeting of governors.

10. Pupils, Personnel and Community Committee

There were no issues of concern noted or raised. The committee will be meeting in March and so a report would be available for the next meeting of governors. The Chair of Governors thanked the HT, staff and pupils for the excellent Queen's Platinum Jubilee tree planting event which had been a great success.

11. Governors continue to act as a '**Critical friend**' to the school. At each meeting, governors offer appropriate 'support and challenge' and make recommendations/decisions as required. There is a professional working relationship between the school and governors/governance.

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

13. The Chair thanked the Governors for their input and support which was much appreciated.

14. The Chair finally thanked Louise George, Head Teacher and the SLT and overall 'Team Walford' for their superb work, dedication and commitment. The Spring term has been incredibly busy so far. Governors wished to thank Louise and her team for the excellent work in supporting pupils, and also for all that they do to enhance, enrich and support pupil's education on a daily basis, in line with the school's mission statement: 'Learning and Enjoyment... Every Child, Every Opportunity, Every Day!'

Paul Deneen

Chair of the Board of Governors

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