



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FULL GOVERNING BODY
held at Grand Avenue School on
Monday 3rd March at 7.30pm

LA (1)	CO OPTED (8)		PARENT (2)	STAFF(2)
TBC	Jenny Gresson (Chair)	Connor Adams	Farah Ahmad	Shona Pitcher Headteacher (Ex Officio)
	Alexis Orlovac	Shamama Tul Amber	JP Salter	Fran Sagar
	Angie Edwards	Nicky Bannerman		
	Archika Kumar	Richard Newman		

Associate Members: Matt McHale, **Gareth John**

Clerk/Minutes: Lucy Richards

Bold = absent

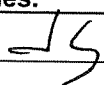
ITEM	MEETING STARTED AT: 7.30pm	ACTIONS
057	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED	
	Fran Sagar Alexis Orlovac Gareth John	
058	OBSERVERS	
	None	
059	DECLARATIONS OF BUSINESS INTEREST	
	No declarations of interest were made.	
060	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD 20th JANUARY 2025	

Signed/initialled by Chair of FGB

Jennifer Gresson

	<p>Pupil numbers are looking very healthy across the school with some year groups being full.</p> <p>There have been 38 submissions for a place in the Nursery starting September 2025. (There are 52 places available in total). Due to the number of applications the Nursery will need to run two sessions. It was noted that the lower numbers of applications are reflected across the borough. The low birth rate is the main factor impacting this, with this year being the lowest it has been nationally. Mainly this is post covid years and it will take a number of years to increase.</p> <p>Reception - the number of children applying for the September Reception intake has been high, with Grand Avenue Primary being first choice for the majority of families. The tours and talks which have been running have been very successful. The Early years lead has worked very hard with supporting Early Years.</p> <p>The school has recently reached it's 90th birthday and some events to celebrate this milestone will be planned for the summer months.</p> <p>SBM is working on budget Staff curriculum working party is still ongoing and further sessions were held on the recent inset day. English - targets on handwriting Maths - Matt led a session on teaching maths There was also an ASD training or ADHD training, staff were able to choose the session which best supported the children who they work with.</p> <p>Question: Will the maths teaching be shared with parents? Response: This will be shared with parents as it is understood that some would find this beneficial.</p>	
065	SEF UPDATE	
	<p>The SEF has been updated since last time this was sent to Governors. For those new to this the SEF is broken down into differing areas the school need to work on.</p> <p>Question: What is the safeguarding effectiveness training question for? Response: These are some areas which were flagged as part of the SG audit. E.g.; witchcraft and sorcery. These have been added into the audit and noted as areas where staff should be trained. However, training is not readily available.</p> <p>AFC are reviewing whether they can add in SG bitesize training to support some of the more specific areas of training requirements flagged in the SEF. A query has been raised with AFC as to whether some of these niche elements suggested should be added into volunteer inductions or not.</p> <p>Nicky - Equality and Diversity Governor - Rosie and Sophie.</p> <p>Question: Has the Modern foreign languages review regarding Year 5 and Latin taken place? Response: The review is pending.</p> <p>Question: Do the school ever canvas parents with respect to music skills? Response: This has not been carried out. This has been carried out for children and some children are performing in music assemblies.</p>	

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	be requested in order that the Clerk knows which documents to have ready for the inspection.	Prepare list of documents that will be required by Ofsted.
070	SAFEGUARDING	
	<p>No updates on Safeguarding.</p> <p>Each term the SG governors undertake a walk round and talk to 10 members of staff and 10 children to ensure that all are aware of the school's SG processes. This report is written up and shared with the school and governing body.</p> <p>SG governors will review the job description which has been shared.</p>	JG & AO to review the SG job description
071	FEEDBACK FROM COMMITTEES	
	a) C&C 13th JANUARY 2025 - these have since been approved at C&C 24th Feb 2025	
072	ANY AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT FGB	
	SIP & Phonics review	Send policy review schedule to all.
073	AOB	
	Year 6 SATS will be taking place w/c 12th May. A governor is invited to come and look at the set up and process.	Send dates etc to JP.
074	SCHOOL COUNCIL	
	The next meeting will be held on Monday, 17th March - Connor to attend. The council are currently working on child friendly version of the behaviour policy.	
075	MINUTES OF THIS MEETING CONFIDENTIALITY	
	See confidential minutes.	
076	CLOSE OF MEETING: 9.30PM DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 17th MARCH 2025	

ACTION	OWNER
Discuss SG role description	JG/AO
Circulate Ofsted working party minutes	FA/LR
Share CA training and visit write up	LR

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Jennifer Gresson