



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FULL GOVERNING BODY
OF BARLOWS PRIMARY SCHOOL HELD AT 4PM MONDAY 14 JANUARY 2019,
AT THE SCHOOL**

PRESENT

Fiona Chambers – Chair
Mary Lee
Rev Mike Hindley
Jessica O'Rourke
Jan Gardner
David Berry
Linda Campbell

David Robinson – Head Teacher
Norman Threlfall
David McGorian
Kevin Cairns
Stacey Feenan
Sam Fox
Clare Bakstad

ALSO PRESENT

J Ellis – Clerk

11/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

12/19 WELCOME

Governors welcomed Jacquie Ellis, Clerk.

All Governors introduced themselves and welcomed new Parent Governors, Jessica O'Rourke and Kevin Cairns.

CHILDRENS CENTRE

This item was brought forward from the agenda.

Linda Campbell confirmed that Barlow's Children's Centre has now combined with Croxteth and Fazakerley, Knotty Ash and Stonecroft. Barlow's have overall control and this is working well. Fazakerley Day Care is owned by the school, and the finances may need looking at in 2020.

Linda presented a report from the Children's Centre which was well received. The numbers on roll are looking good.

The recent OFSTED rating is Outstanding and the Local Authority had requested that the Children's Centre was inspected, which is quite an accolade.

Governors expressed their thanks to Linda Campbell and wished her luck for the upcoming inspection.

13/19 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 1ST NOVEMBER

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The issues are to do with the curriculum. The Development Plan should be taken away and studied. There is an expectation that Governors understand the expectations for the school and they need a working knowledge. An electronic version will be sent out.

The two year plan refers to evidence and success criteria which is closely related to progress with clearly defined measurable targets.

Governors offered their congratulations and thanks to the Head teacher and staff for their contributions.

15/19 HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT

DR had circulated the report to Governors in advance of the meeting. The details were taken as read and Governors were invited to ask questions on the various subject matters that are detailed in the report.

Governors Challenges are in bold as follows:-

What is the outcome of liaising with Rice Lane Primary School?

DR explained about trends in attendance statistics. Barlow's have introduced a TLR3 in the Nursery and pupil attendance has improved.

Do you have any analysis?

DR stated that the issue is not just absence, it is also time keeping and lateness.

It would be interesting to know how many statistics are due to absence and how many are timekeeping issues.

DR stated that the school issued 35 Fixed Penalty Notices during the last academic year and the attendance of pupils who attract Pupil Premium funding is low.

The school is working to offer support to address the attendance issues and the Head teacher is working with the EWO and families especially the families with significant lateness issues.

With regard to Pupil Premium we have 75 pupils but there are a few missing.

SF stated that one child was taken off, also that there has been a history of information not being correct so a form has been sent home to gather information.

The Head teacher explained that the new Assessment system was

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will review its Sex Education policy using the Crystal Winter approach, parents will be consulted.

Governors asked if there is anything about when things go wrong relating mental health issues and attempted suicides.

DR will investigate that.

Action –
Head
teacher

DR explained that the school has to report progress for Looked After Children.

Governors asked whether Pupil Premium is diminishing the gap in progress?

DR explained that Pupil premium does influence change at the younger stages in life.

Governors commented that having access to the curriculum guide was very helpful.

The HT confirmed that a new guide will soon be published.

Action
head
teacher

Governors enquired about their introduction to use of the Dashboard.

HT advised that Paul Bradshaw has recommended that Governors are trained on Dashboard and a development day is planned.

Action all

Governors noted that the school web site is not currently compliant and that communications have been affected because there has been so much action by school.

The HT confirmed that the web site is to be completely revamped. Offered to have a conversation to discuss.

Action
Head
teacher

16/19 ACADEMIC PROGRESS REPORT

Stacey Feenan, AHT circulated the Assessment update from the end Autumn 2018, and explained how the report was constructed. SF discussed progress for Reception and Nursery.

NOTE:

- SF corrected the Number in Nursery, which was 55% and should read 5%
- Page 13 bottom right the figure should read 42%

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