



Alderman Jacobs Primary School (Academy Trust)

Achievement Committee

Wednesday 26th June 2019

MINUTES

Key:

Governor Questions

School Improvements

Governors Present: Elaine Crane, Laura Holland, Lisa Hatfield, Nicola Paterson, Laura Hemmaway, Jenny Johnson

In Attendance: Sarah Woods (Clerk)

Meeting commenced at 6.40pm

1	Welcome and Apologies Laura Hemmaway (LHE) welcomed all to the meeting and apologies were received and accepted from Cathy Carlisle.	All to note
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting (16 January 2019) Agreed as a true record. Proposed by LHE and seconded by Laura Holland (LHO).	All to note
3	Agreed Actions Update There were no actions.	All to note
4	Declaration of Pecuniary Interest JJ- Company secretary for fathers' business, runs an after school Art and Craft club in school.	All to note
5	Data (Autumn 2) Governors were given data reports prior to the meeting. It was explained that Early Years are part of a pilot and are exempt from submitting to the county. Children coming into Early Years are increasingly coming in at a lower level. There is a bigger demand in Maths and processes for reading and comprehension have changed, children are falling down slightly on comprehension. The criteria will be passed to Year 1 next year to help with target setting. Governors questioned if we are concerned that it is lower than in the past. It is now a lot higher standard than it has been in previous years. Governors challenged if it will make a difference that a lot of the	All to note

children coming into Early Years this year will be from our pre-school. School doesn't have a major concern. RWI training is already being done in pre-school. Governors asked if we have any resources for intervention groups next year. Yes, we have teachers available, there will be more interventions for the children. **Governors asked if we are at capacity in Early years for September.** There will have be couple of spaces left.

Summer 2 progress towards end of year targets - School are very pleased with Year 1 data, Year 3 have made progress and are up 2% from Y2 last year. Year 5 are looking slightly lower than we would like but there is an element of caution with what they have to be able to achieve. Based on what teachers have assessed of Year 6, it is a higher GDS combined than last year.

Governors challenged if the goals are set too high and if progress is being made throughout the years. Some of the goals are, Year 6 reading, the targets are based on KS1 & KS2 assessments. Yes all children are making progress, some children need a little more work to achieve their target. Teachers are positive and children are praised when they make progress, not just if they reach their target. Attitude, drive and ensuring the children get the support they need is paramount.

Tracking attainment - It was explained to Governors that we are closing the gap with Pupil Premium across all years. **Governors asked why we think that is.** The Quality First Teaching and support children across all areas for those that need it.

After looking at the data, boys are generally lower in English and higher in Maths with reading being a focus. **Governors asked if the school are looking at priorities for next year.** Spelling is a priority, progress has been made but we want to see this is day to day writing not just on test papers. School would like to increase parental engagement with Maths so they know strategies that are used to help. We will continue with Oracy. **Governors challenged whether school have seen an impact already.** It is a little bit early to tell, we would like this work to carry on throughout school. Governors are positive that the strategies that are in place are working and that school are replacing any strategies that aren't working. **Governors questioned if there is anything highlighted in SEN.** It was explained that APDR are in place for SEN children, some children are below, some have met their targets, although not all at the same level as peers. There has been an impact in some areas and even if not the same attainment as peers, they are achieving their targets.

Pixl Year 5 Data - The analysis is across 374 schools, our school is 6% above in reading (same as last Year 5), 11% above in maths and above average in grammar. **Governors asked how Grammar is compared to last years cohort.** It was explained that last year was slightly better so we have a little work to do to get to where we want to be. Pupil premium are also higher than the national average.

6	No more marking update	
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	<p>Results show that Year 1 average writing age is slightly behind cohort, Year 2 - Year 6 are either level or above national cohort. Governors asked if it is a big gap in Year 1. It isn't a huge gap and we are not worried. Governors expressed that using and comparing NMM, Pixl and data give them a good indication of where the school is it and is very happy with the results seen and the progress that has been made through the terms. Governors asked if staff find NMM helpful. Yes, we are going to trial for another year, we feel it is a useful process. Governors asked if this gives confidence for the SATs. Yes, assessment in writing is a lot more secure/accurate that in past years.</p>	
7	<p>Policies to review Curriculum- Proposed by JJ and seconded by LHE. Maths- Proposed by LHO and seconded by JJ. PE- Proposed by JJ and seconded by LHE.</p>	All to note
8	<p>Governor Training There was no training since the last meeting.</p>	All to note
9	<p>Any other Business It was put to Governors to consider implementing that from September all children take their universal free school meal. The new caterers provide hot and cold lunch options and the children would receive a healthy balanced lunch. Governors discussed that they would like to look at the options for promoting the school lunches and would like it to be discussed and a decision made at the next full governors.</p>	<p>All to note</p> <p>To action: Full Governing body</p>
10	<p>Summary of meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ratified policies • Looked and discussed Data in depth and compared with Pupil Premium • Looked at the focus for the next academic year 	All to note

The meeting closed at 7.53pm

Signed as a true record: Date:
 Laura Hemmaway (Achievement Chair)