

## Alderman Jacobs Primary School (Academy Trust)

## Achievement Committee Meeting

# Wednesday 25th September 2019

#### **MINUTES**

Key:

Trustee Questions
School Improvements

Trustees Present: Cathy Carlisle, Laura Holland, Laura Hemmaway (Achievement Chair), Lisa

Hatfield, Jenny Johnson

In Attendance: Sarah Woods (Clerk)

Meeting commenced at 6.37pm

1	Welcome and Apologies			
	Laura Hemmaway (LHE) welcomed all to the meeting and apologies were	note		
	received and accepted from Elaine Crane.			
2	Minutes of the Previous Meeting (26 June 2019)			
	Agreed as a true record. Proposed by LHE and seconded by Laura Holland	note		
	(LHO).			
3	Agreed Actions Updated			
	All actions have been completed satisfactorily and closed.	note		
4	Declaration of Pecuniary Interests			
	Jenny Johnson- Company secretary for fathers' business, runs an after	note		
	school Art and Craft club in school.			
5	Terms of Reference			
	Agreed and adopted, proposed by LHE and seconded by Jenny Johnson.	note		
6	Whole School Target			
	Trustees were provided with End of Year targets prior to the meeting. It			
	was explained that the numbers shown in red show the percentage			
	attainment at the end of the previous year. The only year where the figures			
	haven't increased in Year 3 for expected, thus us based on targets that can			
	be realistically achieved although there is potential for progress. Trustees			
	asked if the Year 6 target is achievable. We believe it is realistic for our			
	children, are very confident in the year 6 team and aspirational to hope to			
	get the results. Some children were on the cusp of achieving GDS in Year 5,			

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the teachers can now build on this in Year 6. Some of last year's pupils had the potential but didn't always have the attitude to apply it to their work. Trustees asked if there are any extra resources in Year 6 this year. Yes we have 3 teachers that will do interventions and work with the children. The pupil premium targets are very pleasing, Year 1 are a bit lower but this tends to change as they mature, having only just left Early Years. Year 6 Pupil Premium targets match year group data. Trustees questioned if we are still able to do interventions lower in school. Yes there are phonic interventions, Year 3 & 4 has the least extra support at the moment but they have teachers this year that have come down from higher year groups so they know where to push the children and what the expectations are. School will be using the same benchmarking as last year, No more marking, Pixl, the process of assessments will start very soon. Trustees asked if there would still be writing interventions in school. Yes, we have introduced writing revolutions, which is learning techniques of writing, this is taught in Year 2/3 but because of the pressures of the curriculum the children don't always understand and retain that knowledge. Teachers have noticed a significant change in the first 3-4 weeks that we have been trialing this, it tests a lot of domains required in years 2-4. Trustees expressed how encouraging this is.

#### 7 FFT Data

Trustees were given the FFT 2019 Early Results for KS1 & KS2. We are above national in KS1 and in KS2 except for the lower attainers in reading. In year 6 SATs we had a lot of children that wasn't able to finish the paper, the children had been reading at 90 words per minute but to be able to finish the paper they had to have been reading at 110 wpm, this was the same nationally. As a school we are building in fluency in school. Trustees asked if it's the teaching techniques. Not necessarily but there are always things that we can change, keep and improve on. We feel that the children peaked during the practice test papers but then decreased in the SATs. This will be analysed again throughout this year.

Trustees asked if this year's cohort is different to last year. It is about the same and the targets are similar each year. Are there any worries in communication skills lower down in school. There are interventions in place in school, Speech & Language which staff are having training in. Is there a difference in results between boys and girls. Same as the national trend, boys tend to be better at Maths and girls at grammar/punctuation/spelling.

The Trustees then looked at the 'School on a page' document. It was explained that Early years are in pink as they didn't submit any data due to being part of a pilot. We are red for fixed term exclusions but it is still considerably lower than average in Peterborough and Cambridgeshire and we do this to avoid permanent exclusions. These results are for 17/18 and will be updated by the Local Authority in October. Is there an issue with attendance. Same as other years, those children with poor attendance have it all year round.

Trustees expressed how they like to see all the data from different sources and asked when the next data collection would be. This will be over the next couple of weeks and before parents evening.

### 8 Governor Training

JJ & Lisa Hatfield attended Child Protection training. LHO attended finance at Baldwins.

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9	Any other Business					
	Trustees asked if there is anything in place for Brexit. Yes, there is a					
	Brexit meeting planned. We have a catering company in school so will liase					
	with them.					
10	O Summary of meeting					
	<ul> <li>Looked through and discussed Year group data</li> </ul>	note				
	<ul> <li>Interventions/techniques being used in school</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>Minutes of previous meeting was agreed as a true record</li> </ul>					

The meeting closed at 7.2	!8pm		
Signed as a true record:		Date:	
	Laura Hemmaway (Achievement Chair)		