

Alderman Jacobs Primary School (Academy Trust)

Resources Committee Meeting

Wednesday 22 May 2019

MINUTES

Key:

Governor Questions
School Improvements

Governors Present: Andrew Pattison, Cathy Carlisle (Head), Eamonn Dorling (Finance

Chair), Joel Combes (Resources Chair), Nicky Baker, Denise Burt, Jenny Johnson, Michaela Southwell, Laura Holland (Chair of

Governors)

In Attendance: Jocelyn Sumner (Finance and Operations Manager), Sarah Woods (Clerk), Rod Wynn (Site Manager)

Meeting opened at 6.34pm

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1	Welcome and Apologies		
	Joel Combes (JC) welcomed all to the meeting.		
2	 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests Eamonn Dorling- Independent Financial Advisor, Chair of Finance Committee: Whittlesey Town Council, Treasurer: Whittlesey Business Forum, Trust Member of Alderman Jacobs School (Academy Trust) Nicky Baker- daughter, Ruth Taylor is a teacher in school Joel Combes- Wife, Sarah Combes is a teacher in school Jenny Johnson- Company secretary for fathers' business, runs an 		
3	after school Art and Craft club in school. Update from Site Manager ~ Site management report	All to	
	The site manager joined the meeting to give Governors a detailed review of completed and ongoing work. Governors asked if it is likely that we will be successful with the CIF bid to fund the cost of works to water pipes/boilers. This is not guaranteed as there is criteria that needs to be met and it depends if other schools that apply, meet more of the criteria that they require. Governors gave thanks for the recent invacuation drill and asked if one will be done every term. There will be a drill every term and will		
	alternate between invacuation and evacuation. Governors asked on the	RW	

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possible timescale for the demolition of Kidzone as they are conc about it being left empty over the summer holidays. They have be	
given sufficient time which has now expired, we have sent a lette Kidzone to state that we will commence removal and that they wi	r to
sent the bill for the costs.	
Confidential Minute	
Finance Reports	All to
Governors were given a copy of schools finance report prior to the meeting. It was explained to the committee that we are on targethe budget which Governors expressed they were happy with Governors asked if Universal credit will affect the Free school meals. It was explained that the 'Count me in form' has changed and that the introduction of Universal Credit increase the number of pupils eliminated the committee of pupils eliminate	t with vernors s igible
for free school meals. Governors asked if the ICT upgrade went went smoothly and very happy. Governors asked about the expend for supply teachers. It was explained that there have only been a	diture a small
number of times when we have needed to use supply staff, school been lucky enough to be able to cover internally.	l have
Governors noted that instructions have been sent to pay the inte from the 1 year fixed rate bond with United Trust into the school account and reinvest the initial sum of £85,000 with the United	ol bank Trust
Bank. Following on from the Resources Committee ratifying the D policy and numerous attempts to communicate to resolve parent/debt to the school, if no response from the 30 day protocol lette received then governors have agreed to proceed with court actio	carer er is
Baldwins (Rawlinsons) provided the academy with a Benchmarking based on the financial statements for the year ended August 201 showed that school is predominately in line with average financial	18. It
of similar primary academies. Governors asked if the other compositions in the report are national or regional school. We don't know	
schools, they are Baldwin's clients, and some of them are MAT whe would explain the differentiated figures for some of the report. Governor's expressed how pleased they were with energy costs a eco-friendly the school is becoming.	
Governors were updated with Service Level Agreement Review. T admin, advise and Payroll service is proposed to move from EPM t	
Judicium Education, who provide a fuller service through a higher of support. All agreed they were happy with the SLA review. *Confidential minute*	r degree
5 Strategic Plan (5 Year)	All to
Trust members were recently given a copy of the schools Strateg	gic Plan. note
They asked that Governors ratify the Strategic Plan so that they	y know
that school are on track (red, amber, green). Governors are presented	
with a school improvement plan which is made up of the Strategic	e Plan,
based on school data, what we need to improve on, what Ofsted	
identified as a weakness and Governor visits and learning walks. C	
explained that school are trying to build our reputation by building	-
relationships with local businesses. We would like to promote stell	
activities, school visits and possible sponsorship, we want to do al we can to raise the childrens aspirations and give them a goal to v	
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Agreed actions update	All to
Troposed by 711 and seconded by Es.	
Proposed by AP and seconded by ED.	
2019)	All to note
3	note
Governor Training	All to
Pre-school sleep - Proposed by JJ and seconded by AP.	
Mobile device and Camera use in school - Proposed by JC and seconded	
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Investment - Proposed by LHO and seconded by AP	note
Policies to Ratify	All to
Strategic plan ratified - Proposed by AP and seconded by JC.	
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speed awareness banners. Governors agreed that this is big problem for	action:
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community.	
already have local religious and sporting groups and work with the local	
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	community. Governors asked if 'Outstanding teacher' can be taken as evidence to the Trust members. It was confirmed that a copy of the Anonymised Teaching Record will be taken to the next Trust meeting. Governors asked what the 'Adult learning programme' is. CC explained that they will be workshops where the parents are invited in to look at strategies on how we work/teach the children, so that they can support their children at home. Trust members asked Governors to discuss the ongoing problem with parental parking and possible incentives to encourage parents and children to walk to school. School have been talking with pupils and have recently taken part in a 'walk to school' survey, as a result of this school are receiving a new scooter pod. FOAJS and parent working party have been supporting school on this problem and have made suggestions for speed awareness banners. Governors agreed that this is big problem for the school, we need less cars and less pollution, District/county council may be able to help with further 'yellow line' and policing. Governors agreed to take this to the Parent working Party and FOAJS. Strategic plan ratified - Proposed by AP and seconded by JC. Policies to Ratify Investment - Proposed by LHO and seconded by AP. Manual Handling - Proposed by DB and seconded by JC. Mobile device and Camera use in school - Proposed by JC and seconded by ED. Competitive tendering - Proposed by LHO and seconded by JJ. Pre-school sleep - Proposed by JJ and seconded by AP. Governor Training Laura Holland is attending a Governors conference during half term.

10	Summary of meeting	All to	
	Discussions to remove KidzoneSite manager gave Governors an update		
	Extensive look at the Budget		
	 Road safety 		
	Benchmarking report		
	Ratified policies		
11	Any other business	All to	
	Governors were presented with a copy of the Income/expenditure report prior to the meeting. There have been increases to the income which means that school can put some extra into the curriculum and upgrade smartboards. Agreed that this would be ratified at full governors in July. Governors asked why there was a car parking expenditure for 2019-20 but not for the 2 years after. It was explained that there are plans to have over flow parking for staff and school visitors on the old Kidzone site. Governors were told that school will assess expenditure again if Government don't agree to fund Teachers pension contributions.		

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed as a true record:		Date:	
	Joel Combes (Resources Chair)		