

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF MIDDLEWICH PRIMARY SCHOOL HELD IN SCHOOL ON 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2021 AT 5PM



<b>Governors Present:</b>	Rob Bunn	(RB) Chair
	Sandie La Porta	(SLP) Headteacher
	Cheryl Bertoni	(CB)
	Vicky Williams	(VW)
	Amy Harding	(AH)
	Mark Edwards	(ME)
	Alison Sumner	(AS)
	Lucy Lee	(LL)
	David Atkinson	(DA) Vice Chair
Also in attendance:	Louisa Moseley	(Clerk)Clerk to the Governors
	Katie Davies	(KD) DHT
	Kathy Spreadbury	(KS) Observer

## PART ONE - NON-CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

	At the very start of the meeting, the Head Pupils presented a report on roles and responsibilities to governors addressed under agenda item 10b.	Actions
1	APOLOGIES & ADDITIONAL AOB ITEMS	
	Governors received and accepted the apologies of Jane Mayhead and Donna Webster. Laura Platt resigned from the role of co-opted governor with immediate effect prior to the meeting.	
2	CONFLICT OF INTEREST	
	No conflict of interest was declared specifically for the meeting. All governors had completed a Declaration of Interest on Governor Hub.	
	There were no expected conflicts with the business of this meeting.	
3	ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR	
	ME wished to step down from the role of vice chair this academic year. No further nominations had been received prior to the meeting. The clerk asked for an expression of interest from the governing board.	
	David Atkinson agreed to be the vice chair of governors for 2021-22.	
	The Governors <b>approved</b> the appointment of Mr David Atkinson as Vice Chair of the FGB.	

4	MEMBERSHIP	
	<ul> <li>a) Governors received the following changes to the membership of the board of governors:</li> <li>Dr Katherine Nielsen resigned from the board of governors on 2nd September 2021.</li> <li>Laura Platt resigned from the board of governors with immediate effect on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021.</li> <li>Governors had discussed the possibility of altering the constitution of the full board of governors within the committee meetings due to the number of co-opted governor vacancies. The HT and Chair proposed the number of co-opted governor posts be reduced from 11 to 9. Governors reviewed the proposed Instrument of Government shared by the clerk on Governor Hub.</li> <li>Governors <b>agreed</b> to the reconstitution of the Instrument of Government, reducing the number of co-opted governors.</li> </ul>	
	<b>ACTION</b> : Clerk to send the amended Instrument of Governance to the LA for approval and report back at the spring FGB for ratification.	Clerk
	<ul> <li>b) Governors considered the current vacancies in accordance with the current constitution:</li> <li>X1 Parent Governor</li> <li>X5 Co-opted Governors</li> <li>Governors noted the number of co-opted governor vacancies will be reduced to three posts, subject to the Local Authority approving the proposed reconstitution of the board.</li> </ul>	
	Due to reduced capacity within the office, the school have not had the opportunity to progress with parent governor elections in the autumn term. The school agreed to commence parent governor elections in the spring term 2022 and aim to complete prior to the spring FGB meeting. AS offered to support the school office in January with the election process. The Chair and HT agreed to advertise the co-opted governor roles and use the Inspiring governors identified Human Resources and Finance as preferable skills required by the board.	
	<b>ACTION</b> : SLP and RB to consider the co-opted governor vacancies and the need to advertise in the autumn and early spring term in accordance with an agreed constitution and source governors through Inspiring Governance and Governors for Schools platforms.	SLP/RB
	ACTION: AS to contact SLP and arrange support in the office for January 2022	AS
	ACTION: School to commence Parent elections in the spring term.	SLP
	c) There were no terms of office due to expire before the next FGB meeting.	

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	d) The Board recomposite appointment or a	mmend new governors	s have Section 128	checks on	
	<ul> <li>e) Governor details are updated on the national database of governors on GIAS by the SBM.</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>f) Governors agreed the members of staff DW, KS, KD and BS would remain observers and presenters on the board of governors. There were no</li> </ul>				
	associate memb		a of governors. The	ere were no	
5	PART ONE MINUT	ES AND MATTERS A	RISING		
	governors meeting	ed the Part One mir on 22nd June 2021 signed a copy of the m	as a true and acc	urate record of the	
	matters arising from	d the action list from the part one minutes is agreed that the follo	which would not be	covered elsewhere	
	when Covid r	invite ME into school estrictions are lifted.	_		ME
	the spring ter	ence Leads and Scien m. esent the data analysi			SLP
	•	rm FGB meeting 2022		n assessments at	SLP
	All other actions had	been completed and	closed as appropri	ate.	
6	CHAIR'S ACTION				
	•	that no action had bee Imer 2021 full governi		of the governing	
7	COMMITTEES & N	OMINATED GOVERN	ORS		
	a) Governors updat academic year a	ted the membership of as follows:	committees for the	2021/22	
	Safeguarding, Finance and staffing	Pupil Welfare, Curriculum and Partnerships	Pay committee	Headteacher Performance Management Panel	
	Sandie La Porta <b>Robert Bunn</b> Cheryl Bertoni David Atkinson Alison Sumner	Mark Edwards Jane Mayhead Sandie La Porta Vicky Williams Amy Harding Alison Sumner Lucy Lee David Atkinson	Mark Edwards Sandie La Porta David Atkinson Vacancy	Lucy Lee Robert Bunn Alison Sumner	
	<ul> <li>b) Governors appointed a chair for each of the committees for 2021/22 school year at the relevant committee meetings as indicated in bold.</li> <li>c) Governors reviewed the list of functions to be delegated to committees and individuals by the governing board as follows:</li> </ul>				

	Gov	<ul> <li>Chair of Governors – Robert Bunn</li> <li>Vice Chair of Governors – David Atkinson</li> <li>Chair of the Pupil Welfare, Curriculum &amp; Partnerships committee – Jane Mayhead</li> <li>Chair of the Safeguarding, Finance &amp; Staffing committee – David Atkinson</li> <li>Vice Chair of the Pupil Welfare Curriculum &amp; Partnerships committee – Mark Edwards</li> <li>Vice Chair of the Safeguarding, Finance &amp; Staffing committee – Robert Bunn</li> <li>vernors agreed to streamline the link governor roles in line with school rovement priorities due to the reduced number of non-staff governors rently. See appendix A.</li> </ul>	
	<b>AC</b> 202	<b>TION</b> : Clerk to update new link governor roles on Governor Hub for Autumn 1.	Clerk
	d)	Governors noted the amendment to both standing committee Terms of Reference following their review at the relevant committee meeting. The quorum was reduced from five to four governors of which at least two are non-staff members. This was in light of the reduced membership at committee level. Governors <b>agreed</b> to adopt the constitution and Terms of Reference for each of the Governing Board standing committees.	
	e)	Governors <b>agreed</b> the constitution of adhoc committees would be organised as and when needed. The FGB reviewed and <b>approved</b> the terms of reference for the:	
		<ul> <li>Pupil Discipline Committee</li> <li>Staff Disciplinary/Dismissal Committee</li> <li>Staff Appeals Committee</li> <li>Pay Committee</li> </ul>	
8	PE	NSTITUTION AND ARRANGEMENT OF THE HEADTEACHERS RFORMANCE MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FERNAL ADVISER	
	a)	Governors reviewed and <b>approved</b> the constitution and terms of reference for the Headteachers Performance Management Panel.	
	b)	Governors confirmed the Headteachers performance Review panel for 2021/22 as listed under agenda item 7a.	
	c)	Governors <b>agreed</b> the appointment of Mark Williams as the External Adviser and the external support for the Headteacher's Performance Management Review process. The HTPMP had been scheduled for Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2021.	
	d)	Governors noted Ben Cox, headteacher of the Dingle, would continue to be the reciprocal School Improvement Partner for 2021-22.	
	<u> </u>	VERNORS' CODE OF PRACTICE	

	All governors had reviewed and agreed a code of conduct for the Governing Board and confirmed on Governor Hub.	Govs
	ACTION: All governors to complete confirmations on Governor Hub this term.	
10	PART ONE REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND REPORTS FROM GOVERNORS WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES	
	Governors received the following minutes via Governor Hub prior to the meeting and received a brief update on matters arising:	
	PWCP committee minutes 14.10.21	
	SFS committee minutes 12.11.21	
	<ul> <li>b) Governors received a report from the head pupils on roles and responsibilities across the school at the start of the meeting. Governors noted 41 out of 60 children in Year 6 had applied for and received a position of responsibility in the school. Governors thanked the pupils for their slides and time in presenting to governors.</li> <li>c) There were no other reports from committees to receive or recommendations requiring the approval of the board of governors.</li> <li>d) Governors agreed to complete a safeguarding and SEND report in the autumn term and present at the Spring FGB meeting.</li> </ul>	
	<b>ACTION</b> : AS to complete a safeguarding report to share on Governor Hub for Autumn 2021 and clerk to add safeguarding report to be noted at the spring FGB meeting.	AS
	<b>ACTION:</b> LL to complete a SEND report to share on Governor Hub for Autumn 2021 and clerk to add SEND report to be noted at the spring FGB meeting.	
		LL
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	plan in the SFS committee and the minutes were then shared. Governors <b>approved</b> the 3-year plan.	
	<ul> <li>e) DA agreed to arrange a meeting with BS in the spring term to review the SFVS before the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.</li> </ul>	
	f) DA <b>agreed</b> to review the MOIFP with the SBM and bring any questions or queries to the SFS committee in the spring term before recommending approval of MOIFP in the spring FGB meeting.	
12	COVID-19 UPDATE	
	This item was addressed within the HT report and reviewed in detail at committee level.	
	The school have updated the risk assessments and Outbreak Management Plan and circulated on Governor Hub.	
13	PART ONE HEADTEACHER'S REPORT AND MATTERS ARISING	
	Part one of the Head teacher's report contained the following matters:	
	<ul> <li>Self-evaluation, school development and improvement</li> <li>Pupil Assessment</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Target Setting for phonics, End of KS1 and KS2 2022 and end of KS2 2023.</li> <li>Curriculum and enrichment activities.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Catch-up and Pupil Premium</li> <li>Remote learning provision in place.</li> <li>Breakfast Club and after school activities.</li> <li>Pupil and Staff wellbeing</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Health and Safety</li> <li>School Direct – teacher graduate trainee.</li> <li>Mobility</li> </ul>	
	Governors received the Headteacher's report via Governor Hub prior to the meeting and received a verbal overview. Governors had discussed much of the content at committee level this term.	
	Governors noted the school have 410 pupils and Years 1, 5 and 6 are currently full. The school have gained seven new pupils and five have left.	
	<i>Q: What are the reasons for pupils leaving the school? Are there any patterns?</i>	
	<b>A:</b> The school have a number of families with high mobility but there are no patterns to note. Most mobility is due to house moves involving siblings.	
	There were no other questions from governors.	
14	SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN / SELF EVALUATION	
	The school improvement plan 2021-22 had been shared with governors at committee level.	
	The School Evaluation Form (SEF) had been updated and shared with the SLT before being uploaded to Governor Hub for review.	

	The HT asked that governors read the SEF and send any comments or questions via email this term.	Govs
	<b>ACTION</b> : Governors to review the SEF and email SLP with any questions or comments.	
15	SCHOOL PERFORMANCE	
	The school were awaiting the iTRACK data and will update governors on whole school performance at the spring PWCP and FGB meetings.	
	The Early Years baseline assessments have been completed this term.	
	Q: Is the baseline data for the school aligned with expectations?	
	<b>A:</b> It is slightly lower due to the disproportionate level of pupils with Education Health Care Plans (EHCP's) and pupils with emotional and social needs in reception. There has also been a high level of staff absence in reception and the school have struggled to find supply cover.	
	<i>Q:</i> Are other schools across the country experiencing similar levels of EHCP's and additional needs?	
	<b>A:</b> Numbers continue to grow as schools are more aware of SEND and can identify needs more effectively, but this particular cohort has a significant number of pupils with EHCP's.	
	Governors noted the percentage breakdown of pupil premium children attending extra-curricular clubs in each cohort, shared on Governor Hub prior to the meeting.	
16	ATTENDANCE	
	An Attendance Report had been reviewed at committee level for October 2021.	
	Governors noted attendance as 94.1% for the school currently with 221 pupils achieving 97% plus attendance rate this term. Governors noted the national average for attendance this academic year is 91.4%.	
	The school informed governors that any absences are being monitored and followed up.	
	Governors asked the school for DFE benchmarking data on attendance for the next FGB meeting.	СВ
	<b>ACTION:</b> CB to share attendance benchmarking data with the FGB for each term.	
17	GOVERNOR MONITORING, TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT	
	<ul> <li>a) With the resignation of Laura Platt, CB agreed to take on the role of training link governor. CB agreed to complete a skills audit analysis with RB and review training requirements and gaps in skills and knowledge on the board.</li> <li>b) Governors noted the following governor training completed since the summer FGB meeting.</li> <li>AS had completed the EYFS training</li> <li>PB has completed the Chair or Covernors training</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>RB has completed the Chair or Governors training</li> <li>RB has completed the HTPM training.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul> <li>c) Governors agreed to email the school with proposed dates for a schedule of monitoring as link governors. Governors agreed the links for Quality of Education and curriculum, Safeguarding and SEND should take place in the autumn term and all other links to arrange meetings for early spring, prior to the next FGB meeting.</li> <li>d) Governors agreed development priorities linked to the school improvement plan for 2021-22 as referenced under appendix A.</li> <li>The following actions were agreed:</li> </ul>	
	ACTION: Clerk to add CB to the skills audit group in order to access completed	Clerk
	audits of governors on Governor Hub. <b>ACTION</b> : Governors with outstanding skills audits, to complete ASAP. <b>ACTION</b> : CB and RB to analyse the skills and training requirements of the governing board and report back at the Spring FGB meeting 2022.	Govs CB/RB
	<b>ACTION</b> : Governors to send in dates of availability to arrange a meeting with relevant teachers and review SIP priorities as link governors. Quality of Education/ Safeguarding and SEND to do in autumn term. Other priority areas in the early spring term.	Govs
18	SCHOOL POLICIES	
	Governors reviewed and approved the following policies:	
	<ul> <li>Pay policy for teachers at the pay committee meeting.</li> <li>The draft reconstituted Instrument of Government</li> <li>Governors' allowances</li> <li>Governors noted the approval of the following polices from the SFS committee meeting and the PWCP committee meeting:</li> <li>Violence and Aggression risk assessment (DA)</li> <li>Capability of staff (DA)</li> <li>Newly qualified staff (DA)</li> <li>Child protection and procedures (RB)</li> <li>Health and safety (RB)</li> <li>Attendance policy (non-statutory) (RB)</li> <li>School Exclusion Policy (ME)</li> <li>Governors noted the following policies will be reviewed on Governor Hub and minuted at the spring committee meetings by named governors:</li> <li>Child protection policy and Procedures</li> <li>Children with Health Needs who cannot attend school Policy.</li> <li>Data Protection – DA noted the last review had been 2015.</li> <li>Governors reviewed the policy cycle and agreed responsibility for individual policies to be read and recommended by named governors. See Appendix B.</li> </ul>	
	The following actions were agreed: <b>ACTION:</b> LL to review and approve the Children with health needs who cannot attend school policy and be formally minuted at the spring PWCP committee meeting.	LL
	<b>ACTION:</b> SLP to check if there is a more up to date data protection policy than 2015 for DA to review and approve and be formally minuted at the spring SFS committee.	SLP/DA
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	<b>ACTION:</b> AS to review and recommend approval of the child protection policy and procedures and note on Governor Hub this term. To be formally minuted at	AS
	the SFS committee in spring. <b>ACTION:</b> Clerk to update the policy cycle with named governors and share on Governor Hub.	Clerk
19	PLANNED RESIDENTIAL VISITS	
	Governors noted the planed Year 6 residential to Whitby in January.	
20	CONFIRM TERM DATES FOR 2022-23	
	Governors approved the term dates for 2022-23, including 5 INSET days to be published on the school website.	
	ACTION: School to publish term dates for 2022-23 on website.	SLP
21	MEETINGS	
	Governors confirmed the dates and times of the remaining full board of governors' meetings to be held during the academic year 2021-22.	
	FGB 2 spring term – Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March at 5pm FGB 3 summer term – Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June at 5pm	
23	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
	There was no other business to consider.	
20	<ul> <li>IMPACT STATEMENT Governors have: <ul> <li>Agreed committee membership, link governor roles and monitoring priorities.</li> <li>Reviewed the health of the budget.</li> <li>Discussed Covid-19 and the impact on staff and pupils</li> <li>Noted the concerns around staff wellbeing</li> <li>Received the HT report and target setting for 2021-22 and 2022-23 for Year 5.</li> <li>Reviewed the curriculum balance and extra curricula activities on offer.</li> <li>Reviewed attendance and mobility.</li> <li>Received the SEF and School Improvement Plan.</li> </ul></li></ul>	

The meeting moved to Part 2

.....Chair

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# Appendix A

School Improvement Priority	SIP actions	Link Governor
Quality of Education/ curriculum Further develop the school's curriculum to ensure the national curriculum is taught and pupils make good progress (know more and remember more)	<ul> <li>1.i Improve the teaching of reading across the school</li> <li>1.ii Improve the teaching of mathematics across the school</li> <li>1.iii Improve the teaching of science across the school</li> <li>1.iv Improve the teaching of the foundation subjects in the national curriculum across the school</li> <li>Remote education</li> <li>Recovery</li> </ul>	J. Mayhead and R. Bunn
Leadership and Management Have appropriate regard for staff well-being and the workload of all staff Ensure all teachers have effective professional development so that the quality of teaching is high and continually improves	6.i Senior leaders provide support to all staff regarding their well-being and mental health. Consideration is given to teacher workloads and assistance is given as required so everyone can effectively fulfil their roles and responsibilities 7.i Senior leaders support all staff to develop professionally, build their subject knowledge and continuously improve the quality of their teaching	R. Bunn and M. Edwards (as pay committee chair)
Behaviour and Attitudes To support pupils' well-being, monitoring behaviour in and out of school	4.i Refine systems to ensure all behavioural issues are dealt with appropriately, consistently and with regard to safeguarding concerns. -wellbeing	A. Sumner
<b>Personal Development</b> Relationship Education curriculum to be taught in line with school policy	5.i The relationships and health education curriculum are implemented across the school - Equality and disability	L. Lee
<b>Safeguarding</b> All staff to have a deep and secure understanding of the risks to children and how to keep them safe; and pupils to deepen their knowledge and understanding of how to keep themselves safe.	8.i Maintain Effective safeguarding practices across the school community	A. Sumner
<b>SEND</b> All vulnerable pupils, DAPs and those with SEND 'acquire the knowledge	2.ii Ensure the school meets the needs of pupils with SEND	L. Lee

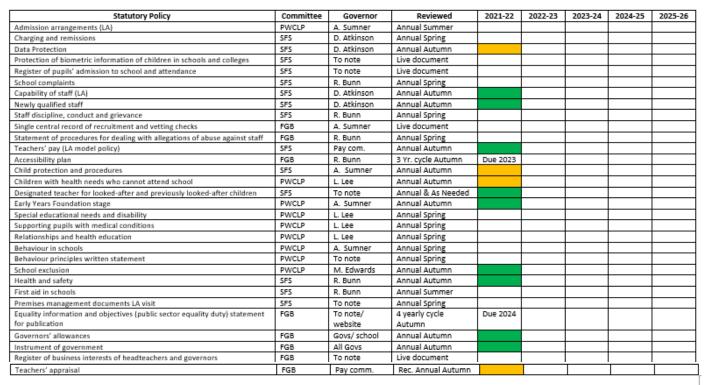
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succeed in life'.		
Early Years	1.v Implement the new EYFS framework	A. Sumner
Further develop the school's		
curriculum to ensure the EYFS		
framework is taught, and pupils make		
good progress (know more and		
remember more)		
Pupil Premium and Catch-up	2.i Ensure the school meets the needs of pupils in receipt of PP grant	J. Mayhead
All vulnerable pupils, DAPs and those		
with SEND 'acquire the knowledge		
and cultural capital they need to		
succeed in life'.		
Health and Safety	9.i Maintain effective health & safety practices in regard to COVID	R. Bunn
Continue to implement all		
government and LA guidance in		
relation to COVID to minimise the		
risks to children, staff and parents		
Finance	Review the SFVS and MOFIP annually and liaise	D. Atkinson
	with the SBM before recommending approval to	
Overseeing the financial performance of	the FGB.	
the organisation and making sure its		
money is well spent.		O Derteni
Governor Training/	Review annual skills audits; identify gaps in skills	C. Bertoni
development	and knowledge; recommend training modules and collate training records noting statutory	
Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and	training.	
strategic direction;		

### Appendix **B**



#### Middlewich Primary School

#### Policy Review Cycle



Non -Statutory Policy	Committee	Governor	Reviewed			
Anti-bullying	PWCLP	J. Mayhead	Annual Autumn			
Assessment policy	PWCLP	J. Mayhead	Annual Spring			
Attendance policy	SFS	R. Bunn	Annual Autumn			
E-safety policy	SFS	A. Sumner	Annual Summer			
Support staff pay	Pay com.	M. Edwards	Annual Autumn			
Whistle blowing policy	PWCLP	A. Sumner	Annual Spring			