



WILLIAM STUKELEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

**SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING FINAL MINUTES
WEDNESDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2019 AT 5:30PM**

PART 1

Present: Mr. I. Braid (Chair), Mr. T. Emery (Head Teacher), Mr. R. Nicholas, Ms. T. Handson.
Also present: Mrs J. Francis (Clerk to Governors - minutes),

World Culture Faculty Presentation by: Ms. H. Ward, Ms. S. Biggs and Ms. C. Church.

Meeting started at 17.30

Agenda item	Issues	Agreed Action	Responsible
World Culture Presentation are	Religious Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Islam Training took place in December 2018 • A wooden cross has been purchased for each classroom • In Easter and Summer terms – I sing pop using music and song in religious practice will be introduced together with Indian / Hindu dance sessions and art • The school would like to produce some more nativity sculptures for the church • Other activities to include yoga, mindfulness and American drum circles. 	
	Modern Foreign Languages	<p>MFL normally takes place weekly, but has been squeezed out this term because of the University.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating link with the twinned school in Cezanne • Working towards the School international Award from the British Schools Council. 	
	History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning history through enquiry based learning. • Governors were given a handout on progression in history 	

	<p>Geography</p> <p>Future Plans</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resources have been purchased at reasonable cost. Staff felt it was more useful for KS2 than KS1 Ms Ward and Ms Biggs are booked on a training course in May which is related to fieldwork and studies They will consider what resources may be available following the training and feedback to other staff. <p>Black History Month and a Polish day.</p> <p>Mr Emery said that it was important that the faculty monitored what was going on to ensure all these ideas are happening.</p>	
1. Apologies		Apologies were received from Rev. K. Plant, Mr. S. Cuthbertson, Mr. R. West and Ms Sara Williams	
2. Declaration of Interest		There were no declarations of interest.	
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 17th October 2018.		The minutes were proposed by: Mr. R. Nicholas, seconded by: Ms. T. Handson and signed as a true record by Mr. I. Braid.	
4. Matters arising from the minutes	<p><i>Item 3</i></p> <p><i>Item 7</i></p>	<p>Q. Do we still intend to buy in the services of an Educational Psychologist?</p> <p>A. Yes, although this still has to be discussed.</p> <p>Q. Have we looked at offering gym membership to our staff?</p> <p>A. The local gym were not interested in offering a corporate deal. Mr. Emery to consider other ways of ensuring staff are appreciated.</p> <p>Q. What about the staff survey?</p> <p>A. Governors felt this was worth doing but did not want it to become a platform for complaints.</p> <p>Q. Has attendance improved?</p> <p>A. Unfortunately there have been a number of illnesses doing the rounds, with several children and staff absences.</p>	
5. Head Teacher's Notes	<p><i>Piano lessons</i></p> <p><i>New sound equipment</i></p> <p><i>University</i></p>	<p>Piano lesson with Ms D Stevens have re-commenced. It is voluntary but currently over-subscribed.</p> <p>New sound equipment has been ordered and will be in place for Easter.</p> <p>The University is going very well and includes a new selection of seminars as well as some old ones running again. Seminars include: Around the world in 5 weeks, Sensational Science</p>	

		(KS1), Amazing Arts, Magic Maths, First Aid (KS1), Cake decorating, Pottery, Chocolatiers and Tech with IPADs and links to careers. Mr. Emery said that he would like to involve Deeping St Nicholas in the University and hoped to get staff over to see how it works.	
	<i>Library</i>	Q. Is the library being used? A. One of the problems is getting the children there, setting up and then coming back, usually within an hour. Q. is an hour long enough? A. The problem is that an hour is normally the limit, especially in the afternoon. Longer sessions have the potential for students to lose interest.	
	<i>Pupil Confidence</i>	WS has recently come second in a Speed Stacks competition. What was noticeable was the loss of confidence when put under pressure and when compared with practice sessions. Mr. Emery said that the school tries to create a culture in the classroom where getting things wrong is acceptable at the same time as encouraging children to state what they have done well.	
	<i>Faculty Groups</i>	Dates set for Art and Sport.	
	<i>Patchett Lodge</i>	This project is still ongoing.	
	<i>Oracy</i>	Mr Emery is keen to push ORACY throughout the school.	
	<i>Active English Training</i>	Staff undertook this training yesterday evening. It was a useful exercise but needs to take account of the class you have. It is an expensive programme.	
	<i>Curriculum</i>	This is still being worked on.	
	<i>Data</i>	Mr Emery talked governors through the latest data from Target Tracker Q. How are the children who are approaching SATs feeling? A. They are encouraged not to stress. We look at all the variations of questions that may arise. We are also encouraging children to attend the Easter school. Individual children who seek help are given that support. All the children understand that it is hard work but look forward to the fun when SATs is over.	

	<i>Behaviour</i>	Some variation but very proud of the children who took part in the recent stacking event.	
6. Safeguarding		This is now a compulsory agenda item both at SDC and FGB.	Mr. Braid to report at each meeting.
7. Steering Group Updates		Nothing to report.	Mr Nicholas to chase Steering Groups and highlight the importance of regular action and reporting.
8. Feedback from Clerk's Networking Meeting			Will be brought to FGB
9. Policies	<i>Marking and Feedback</i>	Q. What is distance marking? A. Marking undertaken at home. The policy was proposed by: Mr. R. Nicholas, seconded by: Ms T. Handson and carried.	
	<i>Physical Education (PE)</i>	This policy needs to be re-worked before it is signed off.	Ms T. Handson to amend
	<i>Pupil Internet Agreement</i>	Proposed by: Mr. R. Nicholas, seconded by Mr. T. Emery and carried	
	<i>Acceptable Internet Use and Agreement</i>	Add: School Governors will comply with this policy Proposed: Mr. R. Nicholas, seconded by Mr I. Braid and carried subject to amendment above.	Ms T Handson to amend
10. AOB	<i>Accidents</i>	Mr. Nicholas noted that there were an abnormally large number of accidents occurring on the Trim Trail. He was assured that FSB are monitoring the situation.	

The meeting closed at 19.31

Signed: _____ Chair of Committee

Date: _____