

**RENISHAW PRIMARY SCHOOL (Draft)**

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL ADDITIONAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY  
HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021**

Present: Brian Ridgway (Chairperson); Mathew Bullock,  
Stephen Forrest, Simon Fuller (Headteacher)  
Terri Homyard, Michelle Lewis, Julie Meiner,  
Sam Wardle

In Attendance: Mark Wilde (Clerk to the Governors)

**ACTION**

**1. Welcome**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the last governors meeting of the academic year.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

No apologies for absence were received

**3. Declaration of pecuniary interests relevant to this agenda**

Governors were asked to declare any pecuniary interests relevant to the agenda. There were no pecuniary interests declared.

**4. Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting/acceptance of minutes**

Safeguarding Letter - Simon reported he had actioned everything contained in the letter

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

**5. Headteachers Report**

The Headteacher's Report had been circulated in advance of the meeting for governor consideration.

The Headteacher reported a member of staff had tested positive for Covid which resulted in the bubble needing to be closed. One parent who has kept her child off school has tested positive.

There have also been two exclusions which have been dealt with. One involved physical assault and the other verbal abuse/intimidation. Mr Harrison was thanked for dealing with this admirably and stepping. Staff were thanked for coming together, supporting one another, and importantly keeping children safe.

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The Headteacher reported reading progress has been outstanding.

Julie commented the overall data was good and equally proud of what it's saying illustrating the catch-up funding has enabled the school to return to where it was prior to lockdown and making up lost ground. Speed and words per mins were 40 are now at 200. This is fantastic progress. Governors agreed.

Strategic appointments made have paid off.

Brian commented as Chair as to how pleased he was with the progress made; the school is in a good place. Well done to Simon and Staff.

**Attendance**

Currently attendance stands at 97.02%. This is a slight increase at this point on previous years data.

Due to Covid restrictions governors and not being able to visit school. Governors have kept in contact with link staff to monitor as best as they can to monitor subject and curriculum delivery in EYFS, KS1 & KS2.

**SEN (Sam Wardle)**

Sam commented the school had learned from its mistakes; staff communication had improved plus scope for further improvement.

Working documents are being reviewed yearly. Sam is currently re-writing SEN Policy including a simplified version with flow chart as to who to contact, when and timeframe.

Other areas Sam talked about focussing on was Pupil Voice. There will be an SLT Programme of CPD, identifying any barriers for staff and supporting them.

Julie has delivered some support in school around this.

The school has secured £900.00 of funding for Beneficial Positive Play to reach as many staff as possible.

**6. Budget Report**

Matthew reported how good the budget was currently looking, now positive with surplus. Credit was particularly paid to Jodie, School Business Manager who has better control of the finances. Matt highlighted the withdrawal of the school from the Catering & Cleaning contract had been a positive move. With the surplus a list, be drawn up to look round as to what needs to be done around school, areas include kitchen, toilets, painting of corridors.

The Headteacher highlighted the need for investment in the Early Years Foundation Space due to the area beginning to look tired and would complement the new canopy.

Question was asked about whether there had been any progress regarding the toilets? The Headteacher reported there had been no progress due to the Team at County Hall being two managers down.

The budget was approved by Governors.

**7. Academy Update**

The Headteacher reported the visit by the Chair of Eckington Governing Body to Renishaw hasn't happened however is now scheduled to take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September which all governors are invited to.

**Working with Marsh Lane**

Discussions have begun with Chair & Headteacher regarding closer working together. It was agreed further work to be undertaken over the coming months to develop the relationship and working arrangements further.

SF & BR

**8. Governors**

**Co-opted Governor**

Following a discussion. It was recommended by the Head Teacher Geoff Leyland who worked for Derbyshire County Council and is an experienced governor be approached about joining Renishaw as a Co-opted governor.

This was proposed by Brian and seconded by Matt. Brian to formally write inviting him to join the Governing Body.

Brian

Safeguarding Training in process of being sorted

**Clerking Package**

Governors were happy with the Learn Sheffield Clerking Service Package. The Chair recommended the school subscribes to the package. Governors Agreed.

Julie asked about CPD opportunities and reduced rate. MW to ask Andy Wynne at LS to make direct contact with the school to clarify.

MW

In terms of the NGA subscription and whether the school can access to CPD. The Clerk confirmed this was his understanding and was delivered online.

9. **Safeguarding - Section 175 (Safeguarding Audit Requiring Approval)**

Simon asked this document to be approved.

Governors adopted/approved the document prior to be uploaded.

Julie suggested using an audit tool in view of this being an area where governors will be held to account. All governors were in favour.

**Parent Teacher Association**

Y6 Leaders Day Tuesday will be supported by parents who are NHS staff who have been vaccinated

Sports Day Infant & Juniors not Y4

The defibrillator which the school has fundraised for will be kindly fitted free of charge by Terri.

It was reported the PTA money raised for the school has been spent well and used to support healthier lifestyles.

Simon informed governors the buffet initially planned for end of term is now to be held off until September when all staff are around.

10. **Confidential (Flexi Schooling)**

Following a discussion led by Sam regarding the needs of a particular pupil the school would benefit from Flexi Schooling. Governors agreed to adopt a new approach with clear criteria in response to his complex needs in view of the school not being able to meet them 5 days a week.

The school in discussion/agreement with mum and son is to develop a model of schooling comprised of 3 days in and two from home with parental support. It was noted mum is particularly supportive of the approach. Policies and Procedures would be put in place plus a School/Home Agreement developed with mum.

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The school will work with the Local Authority/Ofsted to demonstrate how this can work.

Governors believe this to be the right approach in view of the child's complex needs, working with family where the pupil comes into school 3 days a week and does 2 days at home. The child will attend an annual review. The arrangements for flexi-schooling will be reviewed on 10<sup>th</sup> October.

It is important parents understand this approach is not being adopted widely. The model is in direct response to a particular child in school who has complex needs.

**11. Science Overview Presentation (Mrs Jones)**

Mrs Jones gave an overview of science teaching at Renishaw; the progress being made.

There has been further investment in science through additional resources i.e., consumable costs in the budget.

It was agreed to carry out an audit.

It was noted the school was doing well in terms of the subject.

Jodie referred to CPD opportunities she had found out and benefited from which have helped develop her knowledge and experience in this area.

Jodie was thanked by Simon and Governors for her thorough presentation and all her hard work to date in developing science cross school.

Mrs Jones

**1. External Funding: Connect the Classroom**

The Headteacher reported there was a fully funded programme being offered by the DFE which would enable Renishaw to upgrade its existing network which is 'unfit for purpose'. The school has already been assessed following a site visit. Derbyshire County Council are recommending the school be awarded the full amount of funding available.

Governors gave the Headteacher **approval** to proceed which will bring in much needed capital infrastructure funding. The total cost will be £24,021.44 which we are assured, by Andy Jeffers from DCC, will be reimbursed by the Department for Education once the works are completed which could be February 2022. Simon asked for approval to go ahead. He said that he would talk to finance about the money coming out of the school budget once the order had been made on the Derbyshire. S4S site. A copy of the schedule and the plan of the works

Simon Fuller

was attached for governors to give the go ahead. The motion was proposed by Matthew and seconded by Julie.

2. **Date and Time of the Next Meeting**

To be circulated to Governors.