

THE GOVERNING BODY OF CROWLEES CE (VC) JUNIOR AND INFANT SCHOOL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Governing Body held at 7.00 pm via Zoom on Tuesday 12 January 2021

PRESENT

Reverend H Butler (Chair), Reverend H Baker, Mr P Byrne, Mrs R Corcoran, Mrs F Goldthorpe, Mr J Hudson, Mr M Lord, Mrs M Shilton, Mr D Smith, Mrs S Sultan, Mr A Walker, Mr C Wilding, Mrs K Woods (Head teacher)

In Attendance

Mrs A F Jewell (Minute Clerk)
Mrs A Khan (Observer)
Mrs L Sowden (Observer)
Mr D Stead (Observer)

215. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, CONSENT AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies were received from Mr N McKeown (all with consent).

There were no declarations of interest.

216. NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT UP UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following item was notified to be brought up under any other business: -

- Resignation of Mrs M Shilton from the Governing Body

217. REPRESENTATION

The Observers and new Governor were welcomed to their first meeting and introductions were made.

The following matters of representation were noted: -

a) Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>With Effect From</u>
Saira Sultan	Parent	23.12.2020

b) Reconstitution of the Governing Body

The Head Teacher advised Governors that a number of high quality applications had been received for the recent Governing Body vacancies. Therefore, it was discussed and proposed to increase the number of Co-opted Governors on the Body to 9 members.

RESOLVED: To increase the current constitution of the Governing Body from 8 Co-opted Governors to 9 with immediate effect (unanimous)

c) Appointment of Co-opted Governor

Governors agreed to appoint Mrs Khan as a Co-opted Governor.

RESOLVED: To appoint Mrs A Khan as Co-opted Governor.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>With Effect From</u>
Aisha Khan	Co-opted	12.01.2021

218. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 NOVEMBER 2020

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2020 be approved by the Chair as a correct record to be signed at a later meeting, subject to the following amendment – it was noted that Mrs Goldthorpe had not attended the meeting and submitted her apologies.

219. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

220. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

a) Finance Committee

Mr Hudson gave an overview of the key points from the last finance meeting as follows:

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b) Curriculum Committee

The Head Teacher reported that the Committee had met just prior to the Governing Body meeting and had discussed the PSHE curriculum. It had been agreed that Mr Byrne would be the link Governor for this topic on the curriculum. The Committee had looked at some documents that the Head Teacher had circulated which highlighted changes to the PSHE curriculum that have been taken on board by the school. It was noted that the curriculum is very broad based and balanced. Mr Byrne advised that the development of changes is gradual going up the school. All documentation will be available for the Governing Body for the next meeting and these changes do need to go out for consultation. It was noted that there are one or two limited aspects of the curriculum that need to be put to parents and the Governing Body in due course.

221. HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT AND GOVERNORS' QUESTIONS

The report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The following were noted: -

a) Classes

Q: Is there a list available yet for link Governors?

A: We have an interim list that can be sent out, but the list will be updated once the new Governors have started.

b) Statutory Testing

The results of the recent Y2 phonics test were tabled. These provided a similar result to those that would have been expected if the test had been

completed in June 2020 at 87.9%. There were no surprises and it was hoped the five pupils who didn't pass will have achieved the correct level by the end of the year.

All primary assessments have been cancelled for the academic year. The school will still be continuing their own monitoring.

Q: Do you know what outcomes the virus has had on other children through the school?

A: It is difficult to say as we don't know. After lockdown 1 we felt that Y1 were impacted significantly as they tend to learn a lot during the summer term. Those at more able were as they should have been, the middle ones had slipped and the bottom were really struggling. This impacted particularly on what they learn in phonics and reading. We have put a lot of extra support into Y1.

Mrs Corcoran reported that Y6 had been working very hard and staff were very disappointed that they were not able to see the year through. There will be some pupils that will slip backwards.

Q: Have you had any feedback from high schools about the new Y7 pupils?

A: Y7 is often a year where they re-visit what they have done in Y6 but because of what has happened pupils are all now learning at home and they are missing this consolidation year. They are not receiving the face to face teaching and this cannot be replaced. We have put in little and often back to basic things in every year group to drip feed it to pupils and this has been working well.

The Head Teacher reported that very good feedback had been received from parents regarding the home learning for pupils. It is challenging and thanks was conveyed to teachers and parents for all their support. Working together makes a difference. The Head Teacher noted her concern for staff to keep up the pace for 6 weeks.

It was noted that key workers at the school had risen from 50 during the first lockdown to 160 at present. These higher numbers also present challenges to staff.

c) CPOMS

The updated figures included 126 incidents reported during the Autumn term. Some of these have been duplicated.

d) Safeguarding

Recent safeguarding training included Mrs Corcoran completing a Working Together to Safeguard Children course. The Head Teacher will complete the same training on 27 January. All staff have completed an online Prevent training update.

e) KLP Visit

A summary of discussions with the LA advisor Emma Brayford was tabled

This item was discussed within Minute 220 (a) above.

223. KLP AUTUMN TERM VISIT

This item was discussed within Minute 221 above.

224. SAFEGUARDING

This item was discussed within Minute 221 above.

225. SPECIAL NEEDS

This item was included within the Head Teacher's report.

226. POLICIES FOR REVIEW BY FULL GOVERNING BODY

No items were notified.

227. GOVERNOR TRAINING AND GOVERNOR VISITS

It was noted that the new Governors would receive induction training. The Chair advised that she would be arranging a Zoom meeting with the new Governors in due course.

228. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Resignation of Mrs M Shilton from the Governing Body

The Chair advised the meeting that she had received a letter of resignation from Mrs Shilton. Governors conveyed their thanks to Mrs Shilton for all her valuable contributions and support given to the school and Governing Body during her 24½ years as a Governor at the school.

229. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS AND POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS

RESOLVED: That the next meetings of the Governing Body be held at 7.00 pm via Zoom on:

Tuesday 2 March 2021
Tuesday 4 May 2021
Wednesday 16 June 2021

230. AGENDA, MINUTES AND RELATED PAPERS – SCHOOL COPY

RESOLVED: That the first line of 220 a) be replaced with "Mr Hudson gave an overview of the key points from the last finance meeting", and the entirety of this minute number be deleted after this sentence from the copy to be made available at the School, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

The meeting closed at 8.47 pm