

PEAR TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL



**Strategic Development Committee
held on
Friday 17 March 2017 at 08.00am**

Present

Simon Holden
Boo Edleston
David Gallagher

Chair
Head Teacher
Co-opted Governor

In Attendance

Ruth Hadfield
Lorna Jones

Deputy Head Teacher
Minute Taker

1. Apologies . Zoe Buggie

2. Minutes of the last meeting . Held on 20 January 2017 agreed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

- Internal Audit taking place on Monday 20 March 2017 by Hacker Young. Cost of the Internal Audit for twelve months is £550. BE stated that there was a person she knew who was setting up as an internal auditor and would send their contact details to SH.

4. Budget Update & CIF Bids

The result of the CIF bid will be announced in April 2017. BE stated the school has received planning permission for the school hall extension.

BE talked through the budget report:

- Additional income created from courses being arranged in school
- Staffing expenditure is 49% of agreed budget
- Staff changes resulted in a decrease in Teacher's salaries
- But increase in TA salaries
- Actual expenditure is 57% of agreed budget
- Unexpected expenditure for:
 - Heating Pump
 - Professional fees for planning permission

SH thanked Judy Littlewood for producing the excellent budget report.

BE stated that next year's budget, with top ups, should be roughly at the same point as this year but 2018/19 looked very difficult with a projected £100k loss.

SH asked if BE had heard anything from the LA regarding the reviewing of the catchment areas in Stapeley. BE stated that nothing more had been heard, even though she had e-mail officers and councillors asking for updates.

National Fairer Funding update - gaining more publicity with protests taking place in Nantwich and Crewe and other areas across the LA. The MP for Crewe and Nantwich,

Edward Timpson, had made representation to the Minister for Education and had invited some headteachers to meet the Minister. BE had written to Edward Timpson with a proposal for higher needs funding, S31 grant.

5. Pupil Premium – report on progress

BE circulated a report on PP and PP+ pupils for Spring Term 2017 and talked through the report explaining the different interventions each child had and whether the child was making progress or not.

BE circulated a one page summary of where the Pupil Premium funding, £20,000, was projected to be received and spent for all Pupil Premium and Pupil Premium Plus children this year.

6. Safeguarding

No update

7. SIP Review and SSDP Update

BE informed the committee that the CIT (Craig Richardson) had visited the school and had undertaken a mini-Ofsted visit on 7 March 2017.

The report picked up the following areas for developing:

- Leaders need to consider how marking can be improved to ensure Pupil Voice is evidenced
- Ensure teachers had high expectations of all learners
- Continue to share best practice
- The proportion of pupils achieving the expected standards in reading, writing and maths was above national average but boys did not attain as well as girls in English. This needs to continue to be unpicked
- Small pockets of boys lack focus in learning time

The report picked up the following strengths

- The whole school community was very welcoming
- Atmosphere in school is very positive
- Attitudes to learning were generally very good
- Year 6 pupils spoke confidently and enthusiastically about their school in River Captains meetings
- Interventions and targeted support sessions appear very effective and are having a positive impact on pupil progress
- Good progress has been made with a key priority from the last Ofsted inspection (prior to academy conversion)
- Pupils are being provided with good opportunities to practice their mathematical skills in real-life contexts

8. School Incidents/Reports

Accident report for both pupils and staff – there have been no RIDDOR accident reports this term.

Bullying Report . one incident reported but dealt with through KiVA.

Racism Incidents . no incidents reported.

9. Any Other Business - none

10. Date and Time of Next meeting

Friday 12 May 2017 at 08.00am

Dates for the rest of the Academic Year

Friday 30 June 2017 at 08.00am