

BEECHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

FGB COMMITTEE MEETING

Date:	7 February 2017
Present:	Michael Holt (Chair), Nick Oakley, Richard Skegg, Shelagh Flower, Rupal Patel, Julie Baker, Sonia Jain, Matt Lovegrove and Rev Eddie Marquez.
Clerk:	Jenny Sumner

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 21 March 2017 – 7pm

01/ 17	Apologies of Absence
	Apologies were received from Rakhee Sharma, Mohamed Oubihi, Archana Kakar, Soha Hafez, Andi Blinco and Richard Harrod.
02/ 17	Declaration of Business Interests by Governors Present
	No interests were declared.
03/ 17	Discussion with the School Council
	<p>Governors welcomed the School Council members to the meeting. Below are a series of question and answers from the discussion:</p> <p>Governors thanked the School Council for their work on securing a new school flag through running a tuck shop. The flag was now flying.</p> <p>Q – The School Council were asked what improvements could be made at Beechwood?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• More seating places outside• Reopen the reflective garden. Governors informed pupils that the garden had been closed because it has been mistreated and volunteers are working hard to reopen the garden. It was agreed that the School Council should come up with some rules on how to behave in the garden. These rules could be shared with pupils at a School Council assembly.• More playground equipment. The School Council discussed having a token system so that you would know who had taken/damaged equipment.• More computers in the ICT suite and time allocated to ICT spread more evenly. The ICT club is very popular meaning pupils can only go for half a term and a duplication of this would be welcome. Julie Baker informed the School Council that there may be a solution to this soon.• Better heating by ensuring that doors are closed at lunchtimes. The School Council explained that pupils don't shut the doors at lunch time. A suggestion of automatic doors and the cost of them was talked through and it was agreed that reminding pupils and adding signs would be a better and more appropriate way forward.• Slips for pupils to give to prefects when they need to go inside for medical reasons but they don't wish to share why that is. This will allow confidentiality to remain.• More books. The school is re-introducing guided reading and will be ordering a number of new books for the school. This could be something which the School Council could help with regarding choice of titles.• More variety of clubs, and particularly more art, craft and creative clubs like drama and music. Pupils felt that there are lot of sporting activities which is ok if you like sport but if you don't there are not many alternative activities you can do. They are proud of the school's sporting emphasis but pupils who go out to competitions in the school day have

BEECHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

their learning disrupted and so do pupils who don't go as often parts of lessons have to be repeated. Also as an example it was explained that on one occasion a class could not do PE because the PE teacher had taken a group to a competition and was not available.

- Bigger hard playground.
- School Council offered to help with organising lost property so that pupils can find their items they have lost
- Stop issues coming back into the classroom from lunch time as teachers are having to deal with issues that happen on the playground at the start of class and this delays the start of the lesson. Rupal Patel explained that there is a new card system in place which should reduce the need for the teacher to deal with issues. However this doesn't seem to be working and Rupal Patel agreed to review the card system to make sure all staff know what to do.
- Different meal choices for KS1 and KS2 but the impracticality of this was recognised. Portion sizes came up as usual but it was explained that these are set as national standards by the government although the school does try to be flexible when it can.

Q – Governors asked for ideas on how to raise money. The following ideas were put forward:-

- Taster sports sessions watched by parents to see if pupils want to sign up to a club
- Disco
- Concerts by the choir/drama shows run by a drama club
- Tuck shop
- Rainbow day, every pupil wears a different coloured t-shirt and pays £1
- More Movie nights, these are run by the PTA but the School Council could offer to help organise them. Matt Lovegrove would speak to the PTA about this.
- Art sales
- Car boot sales

Q – Governors asked how do you come up with the ideas?

- Through discussions in class and with each other as a council

Governors highlighted that there were themes around friendship areas and behaviour issues outside of the classroom which they were sure would be looked at by staff.

The School Council members were thanked for their time and brilliant answers and left the meeting at 4.15pm.

**04/
17**

Governors' Virtual Office

Jenny Sumner and Matt Lovegrove had previously discussed the idea of putting all of the Governor documents onto a virtual office to all for better sharing of documents and discussions.

Governors agreed that this would be a good idea. Matt Lovegrove shared a possible solution and asked what Governors would like to see in a virtual office. The following items were put forward:

- Discussion platform
- Calendar of meetings linked to phone/Outlook calendar
- Read only Policies with a discussion/comments section prior to presentation for formal approval
- Links to key documents such as raise online and data dashboard
- An easy to read layout
- Minutes and agendas

Matt Lovegrove will work with Jenny Sumner on this and pull together something over the Easter Holidays.

Proposed

Seconded

Action

ML
Clerk

BEECHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

05/ 17	Any Other Business			
	There was no other business	Proposed	Seconded	Action
	Date and Time of Next Meeting			
	Tuesday, 21 February 2017 – Facilities & Development Committee – 7pm Tuesday, 7 March 2017 – Curriculum & Welfare Committee – 7pm Tuesday, 21 March 2017 – Full Governing Body Meeting – 7pm The meeting closed at 4.30pm.			