

BEECHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

FGB COMMITTEE MEETING

Date:	9 February 2016
Present:	Michael Holt (Chair), Nick Oakley, Shelagh Flower, Gordon Davies, Rakhee Sharma, Soha Hafez, Richard Skegg, and Mohamed Oubihi
In Attendance:	Rachel Minter, Matt Lovegrove
Clerk:	Jenny Sumner

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 15 MARCH 2016 – 7pm

01/ 16	Apologies of Absence
	Apologies were received from Andi Blinco, Richard Harrod, Rev Eddie Marquez, Archana Kakar and Julie Baker.
02/ 16	Declaration of Business Interests by Governors Present
	No interests were declared.
03/ 16	Discussion with the School Council
	<p>The School Council shared a number of ideas with Governors and answered questions from the Governors. Below are the ideas, questions and answers:</p> <p>Ideas and comments for improvements to the school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have separate lines for hot dinners queues on Friday's reflecting meal choices;• Have a token system for using equipment so that people can have equipment on the playground at break and lunch time;• Have a healthy tuck shop which could be used at break time and after school, it would have fruit and drinks in it;• Festival shop which would include sharing foods from different festivals, parents could be involved in this, this would run in a similar way to cake sales;• More cake sales, at present they are only monthly;• Art week to allow more creative arts in school, the art club is full and pupils would like to do more art;• Game ambassadors to show the younger pupils how to play games during wet play;• Sponsored events to raise money for more playground equipment;• Eating pack lunches outside during the summer months, this would need to be managed to reduce litter. Pupils said that another duty could be litter picking;• Learning area on the playground which is covered to allow pupils to do reading and writing at break and lunch time;• Using the field more;• Using the library during break and lunchtimes;• ICT is not used enough, pupils only have 1 lesson a week per class;• Deeper swimming pool and warmer, pupils would be sad if there wasn't a pool at the school; <p>Gordon Davies entered the meeting at 3.50pm.</p> <p>Gordon Davies was briefed on the ideas which pupils have shared with Governors.</p>

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More ideas of improved where then discussed these included:

- More benches
- Second hand clothes sale
- More tennis balls and skipping roles
- Rounders games at lunch time
- Improvements to the reflective garden
- Seating area in the swimming pool to be covered
- Outdoor adventure e.g. tenting would be nice
- Being able to use the climbing wall more, Gordon Davies said that pupils should be able to use the wall during lunchtimes and that he would speak to the Lunchtime Controllers to make sure they are able to supervise the use of the wall.

The following questions were asked:

Q – How many pupils (School Council) would prefer to improve the swimming pool before other equipment in the school? A – 90% of pupils would like to see the swimming pool improved as it teaches you to swim. Other pupils said that the fundraising could be split between the swimming pool and other equipment. Pupils wouldn't mind going swimming somewhere else as long as they go swimming, as this is important to them.

Q – What do you think about homework? A – pupils like the idea of homework and home learning as it gives them the chance to practice learning and the learning grid means they can choose how they want to do their homework. Some pupils felt that the homework doesn't reflect learning such as cooking, Gordon Davies stated that activities like cooking are life skills and all pupils do need to learn such activities. In an ideal world each classroom would have a cooker in to enable pupils to cook in school. Pupils understand that the homework is for them to practice their learning and they do value the comments but would like more people to see their homework e.g. homework to be displayed in class or given house points for it.

Q – What do you think of school dinners? A – pupils like the choice of hot food but would like more choice over what goes on the plates because sometimes pupils don't like an item and then this is a waste.

Pupils are the following question:

Q – How do you make things happen? A – Nick Oakley explained that management decisions are made by Head teacher and his team and strategic decisions are discussed and researched to enable Governors to make the right choice for the school.

The pupils were thanked for their time; they left the meeting at 4.30. Rachel Minter joined the meeting at 4.30pm.

04/16 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (8 December 2015)

	Proposed	Seconded	Action
Minutes of the 8 December 2015 were agreed and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.	R Skegg	R Sharma	

05/16 Actions and Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meetings

	Proposed	Seconded	Action
19/15 Head Teachers Report; E-Safety Policy. Julie Baker will be completing this Policy on her return to work.			JB / GD
32/12 Governors' Virtual Office; Jenny Sumner is working with Matt Lovegrove to set this up.			Clerk
65/15 Effectiveness of the Governing Body; The Chairs of committees met to discuss this topic and decided that the Governing Body should be focusing on more strategic			

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	<p>matters, allowing the school leadership team to focus on management items. The Chairs are looking at ways in which they can make their committee meetings more strategic in content.</p>			
06/16	Governing Body Membership			
	<p>Michael Holt welcomed Mohamed as a new Co-opted Governor. He replaced Val Curtis who resigned earlier this year, Governors noted her hard work and support to the school and Governing Body over the years.</p> <p>Soha Hafez circulated two Link Governor reports which she had completed this term.</p> <p>She gave an overview of her Science report and Foundation Stage report. Soha Hafez was thanked for her reports.</p>			
07/16	Preparing for Ofsted			
	<p>Rachel Minter gave a presentation on assessment data and Matt Lovegrove gave a presentation on Raise Online. The presentations will be circulated with the minutes. Rachel Minter is happy to meet with Governors to discuss the assessment data. The school is working on ways of designing a comparison of data via Raise Online.</p> <p>The school is looking at where they are below national standard by analysing the data on Raise Online. Once this overview is complete it will be shared with teachers and governors.</p> <p>Governors asked how the data related to the Data Dashboard and this will be looked into.</p> <p>Governors asked how they will get the most up to date information on arrival of Ofsted. The school will continue to share the information on data as it becomes available with Governors.</p>			GD / RM / ML
08/16	Reflection of actions and decisions made at this meeting			
	<p>The following key points were highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heard some exciting ideas from the School Council • Information on assessment data • Raise Online data was shared 			
09/16	Any Other Business			
	There was no other business.			
	Date and Time of Next Meeting			
	<p>Tuesday, 1 March 2016 – Curriculum & Welfare Committee – 7pm (Safeguarding training) Tuesday, 1 March 2016 – Preparing for Ofsted – 8pm Tuesday, 15 March 2016 – Full Governing Body Meeting – 7pm Tuesday, 15 March 2016 – Preparing for Ofsted – 8pm</p>			

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	The meeting closed at 5.40pm.
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