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GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE MEETING At 4.30pm on Thursday, 22nd September 2016

Present: David Whitewright (DW), Martin Casserley (MC), Daphne Wright (DWr), Rachel Cam (RC), Dave Lupton (DL), Jen Harrison (JH), Toby Hassall (TH), Paul Horrocks (PH), Andrew Brown (AB), Damien Calnon (DC), Dave Wood (DWo), Alex Thompson (Clerk)

Apologies: Roland Domleo

Item	Notes	Actions
1.	<p>Apologies & Additional AOB Items</p> <p>DW welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no additional AOB items raised. Teleconferencing was arranged to enable Andrew Brown to participate in the meeting.</p> <p>DW explained to governors that an extraordinary meeting had taken place on 8th September and that this meeting would also be a continuation from that discussion.</p>	
2.	<p>Declaration of Pecuniary Interest</p> <p>Governors were asked to declare any pecuniary interest or conflict of interest in connection with the business to be discussed during the meeting.</p> <p>DW & MC both declared they are Directors of Cmat.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of Previous GP Meeting & Matters Arising</p> <p>Minutes of previous General Purpose Committee meeting discussed. There were no matters arising therefore the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.</p>	
4.	<p>Minutes from the June LGB meeting & Matters Arising</p> <p>DW distributed copies of the LGB meeting held on 30th June 2016. He explained that he had taken advice regarding current matters and had been advised to discuss the minutes from the last LGB meeting (held in June), discuss any matters arising and then approve the minutes.</p> <p>Governors discussed matters arising:</p> <p>There is currently a parent governor vacancy. MC shared that he had received an email from SGOSS, an independent charity dedicated to recruiting volunteers for governor roles in schools. Although it was previously agreed that a skills audit should be conducted this term, governors commented that the governing body needs to recruit someone with similar skills to their previous incumbent (ie. architect) or someone with skills in the legal sector as this is also a skillset that this currently missing from the governing body and which is would benefit from. MC to advertise vacancy this half term. If there is no interest from the initial advertisement MC will then discuss the vacancy with SGOSS and feed back to governors before any decision is taken.</p>	<p>MC: Advertise governor vacancy & liaise with SGOSS if required</p>

	<p>The feedback from the Tour of Britain event has been excellent. Staff governors commented that it was the chance of a lifetime for the children and something they will treasure for years to come.</p> <p>SATs results – Although there have been issues with the writing moderation, MC commented that CE has sent a letter of support to individual schools. The letter also contains a chart that compares the statistics with other CE schools, national data and also schools within the Congleton area. Schools in Congleton scored highly, particularly Black Firs Primary School. A couple of areas in KS1 had dipped but MC explained that it is a smaller cohort and there are some children with SEN so the scores were not unexpected.</p> <p>Appeals Procedure – MC wrote to the parent, as requested by governors. The child has now started at school.</p> <p>Governor Challenge: ‘Are we still going to compare the SATs results with the children who are in Y7 and have been recently tested’? MC agreed to follow this up with CHS.</p> <p>Governor Challenge: ‘Has the drainage issues with the new 3G pitch been resolved and have we made any payments to date’? MC confirmed that the issue had been resolved and that 25% of the cost has been paid upfront, which is normal for a project such as this. Governors asked who CHS are using for their new artificial pitch. MC confirmed that CHS are using Pulse, although a third party is being commissioned to do the work on behalf of Pulse. DW commented that the pitch will be discussed later on in the meeting under Part 2 and asked for any further questions or comments to be raised as part of that discussion.</p> <p>Damien confirmed that he will continue as a governor with BFS until the end of his term of office on 11.3.17.</p> <p>There were no other matters arising and therefore the LGB minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.</p>	<p>MC: Contact CHS for Y7 test results</p>
5.	<p>Date & Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next General Purpose Committee Meeting is on: Date: 26th January 2017 Time: 4.30pm Venue: Staff Room</p>	<p>All: For information</p>