



Hamble Primary School Governing Body

Family-friendly minutes

14th March 2023

At the beginning of the meeting the minutes from the previous meeting (24th January) were reviewed and checked.

The Governing Body have received an email from a member of the Parish Council seeking to make contact about how the Parish Council can support the school. The Headteacher is to reply and arrange a visit to the school.

A Governor gave an update on the proposed Cemex gravel pit development. Chair and Vice-Chair attended the Eastleigh Borough Planning Committee meeting and spoke on behalf of the school. Members of the Governing Body are continuing to work on objections and further avenues to explore, including air quality and Safeguarding concerns. The Chair reported that the planning decision is due in May and objections can still be lodged right up until the decision.

The ongoing problem with drainage at the school was discussed as there has been increasing concern over the smell and leakage and lack of action from Hampshire County Council. The pump in the storage chamber needs repairing in the short term and a replacement for longer term. The Headteacher has escalated this with Hampshire County Council and repairs are scheduled for 17th March. Ongoing maintenance is being funded by HCC rather than from school budget.

The Headteacher provided a written report to update Governors on latest actions and progress related to the School Improvement Plan. The updated Rainbow Room provision started after half term and has so far been well received by staff and children. There have been fewer incidences of the Senior Leadership Team having to support behavioural issues and Learning Support Assistants have more time to complete their roles. Children are getting provision to reach their soft targets on the Education Health Care Plans where this is needed. A Governor asked about the current arrangement for using the Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) from Bursledon and the Headteacher relayed plans to appoint an ELSA and Parent Link Worker for September. An IT update is happening over the Easter Holidays, with new classroom interactive boards and laptops for teachers, as well as new sets of iPads for year groups.

A Governor has recently completed monitoring visits focussing on Assessment and attended a Pupil Progress Review meeting where they observed the termly discussion that takes place between the Senior Leadership Team and class teacher about the children in their class and the attainment and progress made. This triangulates the information reported to the Governing Body by the Headteacher around monitoring of data and progress.

The Chair noted that governors need to be conscious of the impact of activity in terms of equality and diversity awareness, e.g. when sending out a letter, making it accessible and providing it in additional languages etc.

Governors praised the performances at the Rock Steady concert which they attended.

The NEU industrial action was discussed and the Headteacher advised that school will be closed to all but vulnerable children on 15th and 16th March.

The next Governing Body meeting is Tuesday 16th May 2023.