



THE JOHN ROAN

Minutes of the resources committee held on the 29th June 2017.

Governors in attendance; Mrs C Farrant, Ms C Wensley, Mrs C Whatford, Mrs L Nelson and Mr C Strong

In attendance; Mrs D Turner and Mrs J Scott

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies

2. Declaration of pecuniary or other interest

CWe declared that her husband had been supporting students in their Year 12 science once a week. This was as an unpaid volunteer and he has been DBS checked by the HR manager.

3. Minutes of Last meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting were received and after discussion were agreed as a true and accurate record. APPROVED.

4. Matters arising:

All covered on agenda.

5. Final Outturn:

- a. A governor asked about student bursaries – who benefits and how are they used. Action: DT to establish and feedback
- b. Reimbursement from TU was queried. This covers time for the TU rep who does work outside the school. CWe advised that this amount is in dispute as it does not fully cover the costs.

- c. JRF donation is now fully paid back. Foundation Governors were surprised but pleased. They had expected this to be a long term loan but the school budget is healthy and this is not required.
- d. A governor asked when the RGB loan would be paid back. CF/CW explained that the amount transferred as a loan was in fact money owed and did not need to be repaid. The amount transferred into the school bank account in March 2016 in response to a request from DT for additional funds of around £150K to be able to pay supply staff, had been the same amount as the planned loan and was recorded as a loan by the LA. In fact the school had saved money during 2015-16 due to the spending plans of the then Headteacher not coming to fruition and savings in the staffing budget because of the turbulence where staff left and were not replaced. The LA hold money for payroll and it had just reconciled and identified a large cash surplus but it was not until the summer term of 2017 that the LA became aware of what had happened the previous year and thanks go to DT and DC for their persistence in detective work to clarify the budgets over the last year and assisting the LA in arriving at the correct position. Also for setting up clear accounting systems with controls which should ensure that going forward we have a clear handle on the budget, in particular the payroll and personnel spend. This put the school in a healthy position this year and allows us to carry out some of the school improvements and developments that are necessary to move the school forward. CW took this opportunity to share that in order to strengthen leadership capacity we will seek 2 DHTs next year in order to allow CWe to be more strategic. This healthy budget facilitates this.

JRF Loan – plan to pay back £75K this year.

6. Budget:

A Healthy surplus is carried forward. The budget looks robust and Resources Committee recommends approval of the 2017/18 budget.

7. Staffing:

Governors thanked DT for the comprehensive HR report.

There is currently a review of the MIS Team under way. JDs are being produced in discussion with Sue? Resources will receive an update on the proposals and recommendations in Autumn Term. This may also need to go to Autumn FGB as part of whole restructure.

There are 2 vacancies in Premises. There is a proposed new structure, jobs have been profiled and are awaiting evaluation. The proposals will go to the next FGB. CPD: a package of support is being negotiated with the St Pauls Way Trust to provide staff development and additional leadership capacity. Once the package is costed this will be shared with Governors at the next FGB.

ECU and Pupil Premium Spend Review (impact): this needs work and the website needs to be updated. This will be fully discussed at the next Resources Committee.

8. Premises

Library Roof: a meeting has been held with Wates who have not accepted responsibility. They followed the Architect's plans. This will be picked up again by the PM from Greenwich who is discussing a range of snagging issues that have arisen. DT to provide CWe with names of those handling the project and ensure school has senior representation. It was suggested that either Chris Strong or Luke should be involved as they were involved in original discussions and negotiations. Suggestion to hold a further meeting with architects, governors and senior management. To report back at next Resources Committee on progress and outcomes.

9. AOB: None

Meeting closed at: 19.30pm