

DEANSBROOK INFANT SCHOOL

COMMITTEE: Pupils, Parents & Community

Date: 2nd February 2023

Committee members: Nikki Simon (Chair) (Co-opted Governor) Ryan Hannan (Secretary) (Parent Governor)
Carole Catley (Headteacher) Nick Mailer (Co-opted Governor) Judith Suissa (Co-opted Governor) John Parnaby (Staff Governor) Penka Georgieva Mihov (Parent Governor) Ben Amoah (Parent Governor)

Present: NS, RH, CC, JP, PG, BA **Apologies:** NM, JS **Minutes:** RH

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action	By whom	Deadline
APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	NM, JS		
MINUTES	No feedback relating to the website. BA & NM were to look to website. CC and NS already working on the website BH invited to join. Defibrillator in the policies.		
MATTERS ARISING			
Pupil admissions	<p>236 on role 61 Nursery 59 Reception~60 Y1, 56 Y2 been fluctuating 55-60 all year, one student returning late June up to 57. 5 spaces in school.</p> <p>2024-2025 56 accepted with 2 offers. 37 from nursery. 8 who aren't coming, going to schools without nurseries. SAM – shows places offered and 1 of the 2 has been accepted.</p> <p>October census looks promising with only 2 or 3 down. Good compared to 45 this time last year.</p>		

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SEN PROVISION UPDATE	4 EHCP and 30 on SEN register. 2 Nursery students with pending EHCPs SENIF funding for nursery SEN children (1-2K) – needs proof that child cannot access the curriculum.		
ATTENDANCE	Without nursery 93.9% with 92.2% small increase from last term. Still below target. Barnet still 95.6% Year 2 95.2% Year 1 94.6% Rec 91.8% 20 children are persistent absentees. CC highlighted strategies to improve attendance Discussed parents who don't / can't focus on getting students to school. Discussed impact of homeschooling and LA oversight.		
SAFEGUARDING	2 on Child Protection – top tier (regular meetings with other professionals) 1 on early help – lowest tier (support for family) CC explained how children are placed into these tiers. SG Audit – Tuesday 18 June - am.	CC & RH to arrange time of audit.	
School Council	Meeting with Nourish Catering Sts told us about the food tasting and feedback and asking about more choices and what they liked/didn't like. Sts saw the power of their voices when the caterers respond. Now allowed to try food. Pasta sauce is now better. You said – We Did... Sts felt good about making a difference.		

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	Next – more climbing frames in the playground. A swing in the playground. Riding bicycles and a swimming pool.		
Parents and PTA	<p>PTA – Summer Fair Summer Fair – 6 July. Posters have been translated into different languages. Need more jolly jars – need more promotion.</p> <p>Parent & Toddler Group A new parent has volunteered to try this on Fridays after the parent-teacher reading NS – perhaps promote outside school</p>	Action - CC to find out if Perform will get involved – will contact RH about OB1 drama/arts Action – CC – remind parents about Twitter etc.	
WEBSITE	<p>School Website Update In touch with website provider and a looking at other websites. CC showed an example. 24th June is next meeting to discuss website. Plan for September. Ben to join subcommittee on the 24.6.24</p>		
PROMOTIONS Promoting the school in the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Food Festival 31 different countries represented – parents and children really loved it. £300 revenue. Children loved to see their flags – very successful. PG – why do we have so much Romanian focus and not other nationality events. Found that the Romanian engagement discriminates against others. CC – 20% of students are from Romanian. Governors suggested that parents are asked how the money raised should be spent. CC to set up google vote. 	CC	

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	<p>How do we engage all nationalities? Romanian community were really happy. Action – Newsletter to have “Hello” in different languages. Action – Find out about delivering other activities, consult with ESOL team. Action – Engage community to decide on how to spend the money – a shortlist to share with parents. Celebrating community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lettings Still going well. Kangaroo Kids have dropped out so only 3 regular lettings. Sharesy have no responsibility for damage – they will try to get money from the offenders. In the future 10% more for one-off bookings to cover Borough Insurance. JP – questioned the insurance cover – CC to check. 		
AOB	<p>PG – on learning work – discussed an outside area for SEN children. Is it possible for this – how much would it cost? Might be able to get some sponsorship from work.</p> <p>CC to talk to CG & JP about options to cost this for PG. PG – can we take cash donations? Only through PTA with tax free donations. Set up PTA QR code. CC suggestion “just giving” page.</p> <p>PG – asked about what is happening in art this term. PG wants to bring someone to talk to the students. BA – questioned DBS requirements for someone to come and volunteer. CC – school can apply for this but they can’t be alone.</p>	<p>Action - NS to find out more about sponsorship for SEN area.</p> <p>Action - Easyfundraising – CC – link in newsletter.</p>	
Date of Next Meeting	TBC		

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