

DEANSBROOK INFANT SCHOOL

COMMITTEE: Pupils, Parents & Community

Date: 12th October 2022

Committee members: Carole Catley (Headteacher) John Parnaby (Staff governor) Nick Mailer (Parent Governor)
Nikki Simon (Deputy Headteacher – Co-opted Governor), Shabaz Dar (Parent Governor), Ryan Hannan (Parent Governor). Ayub Osman (Parent Governor)

Present: Apologies: Minutes:

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action	By whom	Deadline
APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	AO		
MINUTES	The minutes of the last meeting – 24 May were agreed.		
MATTERS ARISING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-Safety policy in progress – ready next week. • No more Google classrooms due to lack use. • Barnet Bee Keepers no longer visiting schools. • Parking – refresh guidance to parents regarding safety. Contacting local test centre to ask instructors not to use the road during peak times. 	RH,CC	RH Contact Driving schools, CC Contact driving test centre – November
TERMS OF REFERENCE	Carole shared terms of reference. Chair: Nikki nominated by Carole and seconded by Nick. Secretary: Ryan nominated by Carole seconded by Nikki.		
PUPIL ADMISSIONS	<p>249 currently on roll.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery: 40 (8 full-time) another intake in January/April. • Reception: 59 (60 on census day, one has just left) • Year 1 :61 (60 for census, one left and two (twins) arrived) – Capped at 60 but CC allowed 61 because they were twins. If someone leaves during the year, they will not be replaced. • Year 2: 89 (89 for census) 		

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SEN PROVISION UPDATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 Children with EHCP – down by 3 from last year. (one child has left, 2 were in Year 2 and have progressed to Year 3, one addition - a child who was already at Deansbrook now has their EHCP) • 16 children on SEN register • 3 EHCP applications in process. 		
ATTENDANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently 93% across school (without nursery) 91.7% incl Nursery • All incentives are back in place – children inspired by racing track. • Attendance officer working really hard to chase up absences and works closely with EWO and CC, 4th EWO within a year making relationship building with families difficult. • If attendance is <90%, the family receive a letter, then a meeting with the school, then legal action/fine. • Mostly sickness bugs – some Covid - but a few regular offenders with patterns. School has offered Breakfast club on those days to support families who prefer to register their child as sick instead of coming in late. • Standard reduction of absenteeism as children get older and have better personal hygiene, with Reception being the lowest and Year 2 the highest. • In terms of overall attendance there has been a slight increase year on year. 		
SAFEGUARDING	<p>3 children with social worker involvement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 child has a supervision order (situation with older sibling) • 1 family on early help (children being supervised at home) • 1 child in need. 		

School policies:	<p>SG Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main updates – peer-on-peer is now child-on-child. • Incorporated new Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022 guidelines. There was a training session updating staff with a quiz and signed declaration by staff saying they have read Pt 1. 	CC	Include generic statement adhering to policies when
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SD checked that paper copy is available. NS confirmed that there is a culture of being cautious and vigilant. • RH asked about tracking changes in policies. CC explained that policies completely re-written policies don't have the red text highlighted. • SD – questioned the reference to social media in the SG policy, CC explained that it's not looking at the child's/parents social media accounts, but rather listening to what the children say. <p>New policy – Low-level safeguarding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is to make staff aware of adult behaviour that may be inappropriate. • SD acknowledged the hard work by the DSL and DSOs. • RH asked about anonymous reporting – CC mentioned that it is currently treated confidentially – it may be necessary for the reporter to be identified if the case goes to court. • SD suggested putting a warning at point of entry when signing in to the school. NS – all visitors are accompanied by a member of staff. CC agreed to put up a generic statement about adhering to policies when visiting. <p>Uniform Policy - New policy created by CC following new guidelines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NM voiced his support for the approach CC has taken to inclusion and data-driven decisions. He raised an objection to the tradition of uniforms and cited studies and gave a personal anecdote regarding relaxing uniform use to support inclusion, alleviate financial burden, reduce waste, minimise use of environmentally unfriendly fabrics and those that may cause skin irritations. • Committee discussed the pros and cons of uniforms. Most views seemed to support the idea of inclusivity for uniforms and reaching out to parents. • NM suggested a badge that could be sewn onto clothes for identity of community. 	CC/NS	<p>visiting – November</p> <p>To conduct a survey with parents to assess their opinions on the uniform policy and uniforms in general - TBC</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SD suggested more parent engagement for policies which can bring parents into the discussion in the school which. • It was agreed parents will be consulted regarding their views on the uniform which may be used to inform future policy decisions. <p>Behaviour and Relationships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CC – The new policy is working really well. Explained how the Golden Rules and ladder is working and how engaged students are. • RH suggested promoting this in a video or as an action-research project to the borough so this can be seen as a strength of the school and promote intake. 		
Friends of Deansbrook (PTA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGM a few weeks ago – 20 parents – very good engagement. • Julia Hutton Squire -Treasurer, Gemma Stacy - Chair, Rebecca George -Secretary • Friday – World Cup Cake Competition • NM asked about diversity at the PTA. This year the group was diverse but it remains to be seen who actually comes to the events. NM suggested a more diverse PTA will help have more diverse events. CC mentioned a Ramadan food festival for Eid – April 2023. NM - There is also Easter and Passover at the same time. • Halloween disco and Christmas fun day coming up. • PTA donations - £100 to each subject across school – very little budget for resources. Science week - £800 to science workshop and resources. £500 for more phonics reading books. 	CC	Look into more diverse promotional opportunities (April 2023)
Parent workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not discussed 		

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<p align="center">WEBSITE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constant updates and work-in-progress • Videos will be uploaded and Subject Leaders will create some content relating to their subjects. • RH suggested photos of staff in addition to children's drawings to make it easier for parents to identify their children's teachers. 	<p align="center">CC</p>	<p align="center">To check with staff about using their photos on the website.</p>
<p align="center">PROMOTIONS</p> <p align="center">Promoting the school in the community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No points raised 		
<p align="center">AOB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No points raised 		
<p align="center">Date of Next Meeting</p>	<p align="center">Thursday 2nd February 2023 @ 10.00am</p>		

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