

LANGLEY FITZURSE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY GOVERNORS' MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 9 MARCH 2020
AT 7:00 PM AT LANGLEY FITZURSE SCHOOL

Present

David Bloomer	Anita Ellis	Johanna Nathanson
Ed Shire	Liam Parkinson	Harriet Wilkinson
Chris Steen	Jo Kitching	Huw Solly
Simon Rahn	Louise Lewis (from 7.30 pm)	Liz Howe (Clerk)

NOTE: Italics have been used to indicate occasions when governors challenge or test the school.

1. **Prayer** - David began the meeting with a short prayer.
2. **Register of Pecuniary Interests** – This was duly signed.
3. **Apologies** – none
4. **Appointment of a new Headteacher**
 - i. Two documents were circulated at the meeting:
 - Letter from the Chair of Governors of Lacock School giving notice that they will be terminating the Headeacher's Temporary Variance of Contract early, with Richard returning to Lacock Primary with effect from 1 June 2020
 - Report from David Bloomer on the two partnership proposals and the interviews which took place on Friday 6 March 2020
 - ii. David thanked the governors for their hard work visiting schools, meeting governors and writing reports.
 - iii. Louise Lewis from the LA joined the meeting at 7.30 pm. She was present at the interviews.
 - iv. David reported that he has spoken informally to all the school staff.
 - v. He added that both schools are very strong academically.
 - vi. The governors agreed that partnership is the best option for our school. The next decision was between a hard federation with Stanton St Quintin and a softer

partnership with Ashton Keynes.

vii. There was some concern about the falling roll at Stanton St Quintin. Louise reassured the governors that the LA strategy is to keep small schools open.

viii. After much discussion about the merits of both partnerships, and the enthusiasm of the other schools' governing bodies for the arrangement, a vote was taken.

ix. The governors voted to partner with Stanton St Quintin by a majority of six votes to two (two abstentions).

5. Next Steps

i. David is to speak to both candidates and find out if Karen Winterburn (Head at Stanton St Quintin) can start work here on Monday 1 June 2020. **ACTION (A9/3.1): David**

ii. Johanna is to announce the decision to school staff once we have received Karen's acceptance. **ACTION (A9/3.2): Johanna**

iii. Louise is to liaise with HR before David can announce the decision to parents. **ACTION (A9/3.3): Louise**

iv. Huw, Ed and David volunteered to speak to the Stanton St Quintin governing body. **ACTION (A9/3.4): Huw, Ed & David**

v. Louise advised that there is an LA document to work through to achieve a hard federation . This includes a consultation process with staff and parents.

vi. Anita thanked David on behalf of the governors for all his hard work.

6. Date of Next FGB Meeting: *Monday 30 March 2020 at 7.00 pm at School*

The meeting closed at 8.26 pm

LIST OF ACTIONS

Number	Description	Date
A26/6.2	Richard to launch the '11 by 11' initiative	30 March
A26/6.8	Chris to discuss e safety with Richard and Karen Wilson	30 March
A26/6.9	Liam to undertake a school website audit	30 March
A10/2.1	Liz to book Johanna onto a H&S Governor training course	30 March
A10/2.2	Richard to produce new Relationship & Health Education and Intimate Care Policies	30 March
A10/2.3	Liz to arrange for the FGB to reconstitute to alter the term of office for Parent Governors	30 March
A10/2.4	Liz to update the school vision on the website	30 March
A10/2.5	Harriet to give Liz SIAMS information for the governor portal	30 March
A10/2.6	Harriet to adjust the Church School document prior to agreement by Christian Distinctiveness Committee, staff and parents	30 March
A10/2.7	Liz to add Tesco's Bags of Help to the next school newsletter	End February
A10/2.8	David to invite prospective HTs to visit the school	End Term 3
A10/2.9	David to keep parents informed of progress re HT recruitment	Term 4

A10/2.10	Governors to let David know if they would like to get involved in the HT recruitment process	End Term 3
A9/3.1	David to speak to both HT candidates and ascertain if Karen can start on Mon 1 June 2020	Tue 10 March
A9/3.2	Johanna to announce the decision to school staff once the position has been accepted	ASAP
A9/3.3	Louise to liaise with HR before David can announce the decision to parents	ASAP
A9/3.4	Ed, Huw and David to meet SSQ governors	ASAP