**LANGLEY FITZURSE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**CHRISTIAN DISTINCTIVENESS MEETING**

**Minutes**

8th September 2020. 2pm.

Attending: Karen Winterburn, (KW) Head. Katherine Bloomer (KB) – link Chaplain. Harriet Wilkinson (HW) Foundation governor. Huw Solly (HS) Governor.

1. **Prayer Katherine (KB)**
2. **Welcome Karen Winterburn HW prompted by KB!**
3. **Actions from prev. Minutes Jan 2020 (HW)**

**ACTIONS from Jan 2020**

**Follow-up**

* RH to follow up on prayers composed by children. **KW to look at ‘said prayers’ (due to COVID19) and streamline to one or two to be said before lunch. Revisit sung prayers in future.**
* KB/RH to add vision to guidance leaflet before sending out**. KB to add vision & bible verse and send to KW (DONE)**
* HW to arrange prayer box; **ONHOLD due to covid**.
* Weekly prayer for St Peter’s church and Vivian suggested. (KB – Worship Council) **DONE**
* RH to visit chapel on a coffee morning to introduce school and make connection with Pastor Thanos or an elder if he’s not there. **KW to visit in next few months. As Covid19 nothing can be done easily currently.**

**RE**

* RH and HW to repeat RE interviews with children in summer term to see impact of any changes. **UNABLE due to covid19**
* HS to attend Understanding Christianity course**. (DONE) KB attended with teaching staff in Feb 2020, and said staff found course useful and returned motivated.**
* RH to speak to staff before the 24th for their RE feedback, then again in summer term to evaluate impact**. NO. INCOMPLETE**

**SIAMS**

* KB to find visual image of jigsaw with many parts connecting. **Find another image more appropriate ONHOLD**
* SEF Meeting 1: Monday 2nd March with RH to build on initial work**. DONE**
* SEF Meeting 2: Friday 20th March with Mr Osler (co-RE lead). **INCOMPLETE due to Covid19**
* KB and HW to start with updating CW policy**. KB two-thirds of way through revision but will need addendum for covid. KW has written collective worship doc. for Sept 2020 (under covid) see item 4 in agenda. INPROGRESS**
* **H**W to check with KB what is on website and then see Liz Howe to get docs such as CD agenda’s and minutes are online since she started chairing. **DONE – website up to date.**
* RH to invite Bristol Diocese Rep to visit school by April in preparation for SIAMS next year.. **KW to liaise with Ali Driver and flag up our school with Bristol Diocese.** Can also ask about Bristol Diocese Church/School Partnership award. **KB has written application for award. KB to send to KW for review and sign off. (DONE) KW to send to Ali Driver**

**KW had feedback from staff meeting asking ‘What is the SIAMS process?” KB to put something together about what is expected of staff in a SIAMS inspection.**

**Courageous Advocacy**

* **HS to talk with Wiltshire council about local charities. DONE. Has a list. (to share!)**

**The following planned events did not happen in the last school year due to Covid19:**

* Lord's Prayer Experience
* Lifepath at Malmesbury Abbey
* Celebrating the Elm Tree's 10th birthday
* Lent Eco Challenge competition,
* Drumhead service
* Festival services - but outdoor Farewell to Y6's and video welcome to new pupils instead of Back to School with God service and BBQ
* Visiting other places of worship – to make a plan for post COVID

1. **RE –** see RE policy. ?draft/approve All

**HS said the L&R (leadership & resource) committee approves all policies, and will review/approve this one. KW to discuss with staff first**

* 1. Understanding Christianity – staff.

Staff attended training in Feb, and there is now a long term plan mapped out. Feedback from staff would be good, as this is still new.

* 1. Monitoring: see also Previous minutes

HW keen to plan in some form of monitoring RE, as this hasn’t been done for several years, and is needed for SIAMS, and is in RE policy. KB explained that children weren’t able to talk about this at last inspection. HW asked KW to discuss with staff.

Monitoring for RE must be kept separate from Christian Ethos. It is part of the curriculum – impact is the key word, but more understanding of faith, and exploring what pupils think about the big questions.Aim to monitor RE and the impact of Christian ethos on children at school.

KW suggested having focus group discussions of KS2 children (?similar to initial small group RE interviews done by Richard and HW). **KW suggested pre half term focus group and in January 2021. HW to put some questions together for KW to review.** HS would like to sit in focus group sessions.

1. **CW**  (Collective Worship)/**Church links All**
   1. In these covid19 times.
   2. Plan for year?
   3. Update policy? (see previous SIAM action. In hand)

KW printed out the Collective Act of Worship doc for arrangements from September onwards during Covid19. These are daily & class based with teachers leading worship. There is a weekly schedule. Each **class** has a book to record worship and acts as evidence. KB asked could the ministry team help with reflective input.KW welcomed this, ideas discussed were stories, written notes, filmed content or discussion round an item. Reflect the value for that term. **KB and KW to liaise regarding ministry team input.**

**Values** – have previously been agreed for the school year. KW wanted to link with PHE subject to prevent duplication on friendship. **KW to agree with staff and let KB know to shape Ministry Team worship, etc.**

**Discussed Buddy system.** On hold due to covid19. Suggested year 5/6 pair with a reception child to write letters eg pen pals/write stories to each other. Possibly link bubbles when able. Keen to try and do something **– KW to agree with staff**

**Harvest - in school celebration** to link with St Peter's (4th Oct Sunday) with food gifts to Doorway. **KB to provide a reflection.**

1. **SIAMS** inspection Moving forward with SEF. (Separate meeting?) All

**A separate meeting was booked for 1st October 2020 at 1.30pm to discuss this.**

* 1. 7 strands:.
     1. Vision and leadership
     2. Wisdom, knowledge & skills
     3. Character development
     4. Community √
     5. Dignity & Respect √
     6. Collective worship
     7. RE

1. **Worship council – virtually? KB**

KW said this could continue at school and be done in the Hall or outside socially distanced. She would like to attend the sessions. HW explained she attended last year although unsure if will continue. KB said last year’s councillors should be given the option to continue in role as they weren’t able to meet for the full year**. KB and KW to arranged first meeting 2pm Tuesday 29th September**

1. **AOB:** 11 by 11, **Launched this week. Explanation of 11 things to have done by 11 years went into newsletter to parents.**

charity **We are aiming to streamline the charities the school supports. Have an international, national and local charity & involve school council.**

**Next meeting: decide at SIAMS meeting. Aim for January 2021.**

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* **KW to contact Union Chapel in next few months, depending on Covid19 situation**

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4. RE

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5. CW (Collective Worship)/Church links

* **KB and KW to liaise regarding ministry input.**
* **Values. KW to agree with staff the terms each are covered in, and let KB know for worship & ministry team.**
* **Buddy system – in covid. KW to discuss with staff**
* **Harvest Festival – KB to provide a reflection. Collection for Doorway.**

6. SIAMS

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7. Worship Council

**(KB and KW arranged date for first meeting - DONE)**

1. AOB

Values. **KW to work out what values are covered in which term.**

Charity. **Involve school council to streamline charities.**