



Ladbroke JMI School
Minutes of Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 6th March 2025 at 7.15pm

Attendees:

Alex Corke (AC); Donna Corke (DC); Phil Cunningham – CoG (PC); Jaime De Verteuil (JDV); Jon Mackley (JM); Sara-Jane Tiramani (SJT); Mark Turner (MT); Tracey Webster – Head (TW); Dave Swedensky (DS)

Apologies:

Claire Brazil (CB); Kevin Dobson (KD); Greg Huntley (GH);

In Attendance:

Helen Romain – Deputy Head (HR); Nicola Thrussell – Clerk (NT)

Item	Description	Action
1. 1.1	Apologies for Absence PC Welcomed all. There were three apologies for absence which were approved.	
2. 2.1	Declaration of Interests There were no Declarations of Interests.	
3. 3.1	Notification of Any Other Business There was one item of Any other business, Resources Committee Terms of Reference, to be dealt with under Item 7.1.	
4. 4.1	Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 6th December 2024 Approved and signed as accurate.	
5. 5.1 5.2 5.3	Matters Arising Item 1.3 – DS to double check his Governor Profile on GovernorHub, otherwise completed. Items 13.1 and 13.2 – Governor Group Training and Safeguarding Training. Many of the courses governors would like to complete are not available as group sessions. Safeguarding Training is up to date until September 2025 but we will look into organising Safeguarding as a group training session for governors. Item 14.1 – PC completed the review of the website. TW to update some areas, in particular the curriculum information and will report back on the curriculum at the next meeting.	Action DS Action TW
6. 6.1 6.2 6.2.1	Headteacher Report TW circulated her report prior to the meeting. Q: How many children who are currently in nursery are likely due to attend reception? A: All of the children in nursery have applied for reception. We will not know until April who has got in.	

6.3	Q: How many children who are currently in nursery, who wanted to attend reception, are unlikely to get in?	Action TW
6.3.1	A: We do not know this currently. Due to having a high number of siblings, there are only about 8 places available so we are expecting some children not to get in this year. We also have a number of EHCP consultations coming through already, and we are likely to have a child who is blind joining who does not have an EHCP as yet, but will likely be granted admission under Criteria 2 for children with medical needs. There are a number of children with autism who are prone to loud or violent outbursts upon dysregulation and TW is in discussions as to how this could work with a visually impaired child.	
6.4	Q: Fantastic that fully staffed as so many schools are struggling. It triggered a memory where I think I had mentioned a suggestion previously about having a vacancies section on the website which also has the option to fill in a form to register interest in the event a job were to become available. Not sure if this is a possibility but most schools have this on their websites so feel it would make sense to do the same?	
6.4.1	A: This was mentioned previously but TW has not had the chance to look at how it would work best but will do so.	
6.5	An unplanned fire alarm took place but this has been recorded for the term as the whole school was evacuated safely and efficiently.	
6.6	TW has received positive feedback relating to the Maths scheme, Infinity.	
6.7	While the school is currently fully staffed, there is potentially one teacher leaving around Christmas due to moving home.	
7.	Committee Reports	
7.1	Resources	
7.1.1	The Minutes of the last meeting were shared on GovernorHub prior to the meeting.	
7.1.2	The Terms of Reference have been updated with one minor amendment. Approved and Ratified.	
7.2	School Improvement	
7.2.1	The Minutes of the last meeting were shared on GovernorHub prior to the meeting.	
7.2.2	No issues to report.	
8.	Policies	
8.1	Health and Safety	
8.1.1	County Model Policy. Unanimously Approved and Ratified.	
8.2	Admissions	
8.2.1	Q: Having looked through this, the lengthy staggered approach for induction into reception puts a lot of pressure on working families. Other schools have been shortening this. E.g. I am aware that Cranborne did 2 half days (1 without lunch and 1 with lunch) and then straight into full days. Many students who join Ladbroke have been at nursery or have siblings (based on	

8.2.2	the headteachers report) so would it be worth considering options for shortening this? Possibly giving families the option for a longer induction if needed or by your recommendation once you meet children who have not been in nursery previously (or those that are currently in nursery where you feel that may need a longer transition). Given the nature of EYFS and how they move throughout the two rooms, staff know the children well before they enter reception. Anecdotally, for some children having been at Ladbroke nursery, it felt that the staggered approach was a bit too long and they just wanted to get going and settled into a routine. A: I will speak to the EYFS team and see how they feel about it. I have never had any complaints about it and it has always worked really effectively but I will raise it with them to see how they feel and come back to governors regarding this for next year.	
8.3	Unanimously Approved and Ratified.	
9. 9.1 9.1.1 9.1.2 9.2 9.2.1 9.2.2 9.3 9.3.1	Finance SFVS Discussed at Resources Committee. Unanimously Approved and Ratified. Schedule of Financial Delegation Discussed at Resources Committee. Unanimously Approved and Ratified. Budget The software is not available until the 10 th March. TW plans to work on the budget on the 12 th March. It was noted that there is a strong carry forward but we are mindful that there is an in-year deficit.	
10. 10.1 10.2	Link Governor Reports DC is completing a SEN visit on Tuesday 18 th March. It was noted that much work on SEN has been done, including the introduction of Worry Boxes into KS2 and one-page profiles for SEN children that do not require a full APDR. DS will attend both sub-committee meetings before making a decision as to where he best fits.	
15. 15.1 15.2 15.3	Dates of Next Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FGB Meetings: 15th May 2025 (Budget); 3rd July 2025. • Resources Meetings: 12th June 2025. • SIC Meetings: 24th April 2025. 	

The Meeting closed at 7.52pm.