



Minutes of Full Governing Body Meeting (Remote)
Approval of budget
Thursday 7th April 2022 at 5pm



Present – Phil Jones (Chair) (PJ), Sarah Gravestock (SG), Anne Jones (AJ), Dan Rimell (DR), Linda McQuone (LMc),

In attendance – Lisa Tanner (Clerk) Fiona Bolton (SBM)

N.B. All items discussed at any Governors Meeting are confidential.

All Confidential items under the terms of the Education Regulation will be minuted in Red in the confidential minutes attached.

1	<u>Declaration of interests:</u> No interests declared.	
2	<u>Apologies:</u> Izabela Cooper, David Stokes	
3	<u>Approval of budget:</u> Reports from FB had been sent out prior to the meeting. Key notes: BMS deficit is reducing by a significant amount, due to staffing changes and the income from the covid testing station work. SG questioned how much staff absence has cost BMS over the last year and FB responded that it was £33,000. LB asked if WCC HR can help to reduce this but FB felt that because it's all small clusters of absence, it isn't something HR can help with. All staff have now been made aware of WCCs absence procedures which will be followed closely by the federation. PJ noted an increase in salary costs which was accounted for by FB as a result of student numbers increasing so extra staff needed. PJ asked what percentage of the budget goes on staff – the answer is 80% AJ questioned if Pupil Premium money was being used effectively. FB explained that the new role will be pastoral and inclusion and that this will help a targeted approach to ensuring each PP child receives the best input. Small increase to buildings budget, FB has checked with LA and some devolved capital can be used if needed for repairs. Governors all aware of an increase in costs and understand that there is a likely continued increase. PJ noted an increase from £18,500 to £30,000 for utilities, he questioned if the LA negotiate for the best utilities on school's behalf, FB believes that this would be an additional service to be paid for. PJ asked what services does the LA provide at no cost. FB replied that we cannot identify any. Minibus lease not being continued at a saving of £6000 per year. This will be reviewed in 12 months. PFS: Kept out of deficit. Staffing costs have gone up but there will be a saving now that NC employed as he is teaching two days per week. Extra support from the LA is costing a significant amount. The governors identified a significant increase in professional fees, this is due to support from the LA and interventions	

	to address identified needs in Pebworth school. This needs to be reviewed by the resources committee. All governors gave their approval to the budgets for both schools. PJ thanked FB for all of her hard work and Ildi Booth for returning to help with this.	
4	<u>AOB:</u> None	
5	<u>Dates for next meeting:</u> 16th June 2022 5pm – venue to be confirmed	

The meeting closed at 6.30pm

Lisa Tanner

Clerk