The Federation of Church Schools of Shalfleet and Yarmouth Governors' Meeting

Meeting of Full Governors	Term: Summer Term 2017
Place: Yarmouth Primary School	Date: Wednesday, 12 th July 2017
	4.30 to 8.20 pm
Present:	Absent:
Mrs Lizzie Grainger (Headteacher)	Mrs Claire Oulton (Associate Member)
Mrs Carla Bradshaw – Chair (LA Governor)	
Mrs Krista Bratton (Parent Governor)	
Mrs Debs Downer (Co-opted)	
Mrs Tina Griffith (Foundation Governor)	
Mrs Laura Homes (Parent Governor) joined	
the meeting at 6.30 pm	
Mrs Jane Manning (Associate Member)	
Mrs Debbie Munn (Co-opted Governor)	
Mrs Sylvia Smith (Staff Governor	
Mr Mark Webber (Foundation Governor)	
Mrs Sarah Woodburn (Co-opted Governor)	
Mrs Caroline Weeks (to be reappointed) left	
the meeting at 7.40 pm.	
In Attendance:	
Mrs Jane Lewis (Clerk)	
Mrs Katie Riley (Clerk)	
In attendance	
Junior Leadership Team joined meeting	
from 4.30 to 5.05 pm	
Toby Yarmouth Year 3	
Finn Yarmouth Year 3	
Olivia Yarmouth Year 4	
Samuel Shalfleet Year 4	
Monty Shalfleet Year 3	
Courtney Shalfleet Year 6	
Robert Shalfleet Year 6	
Key: <u>Challenge</u> Action, Decision,	Distribution: All
Support,	Confidential Minutes to Govs. attending
Ring-fenced, FDP link	meeting.
	JLT Minutes only to JLT

The meeting was quorate. (Number needed for quorum: 5,

10 Governors in attendance, 1 Associate Member, 1 Governor to be reappointed, 7 Junior Leaders, 2 Clerks

The meeting commenced at 4.40 pm with prayers from 2 members of the JLT.

Item	Minutes	Action	Date
3.12	Welcome and Apologies		
	Robert and Sam were thanked for advising the Clerk that they		
	would be attending the meeting.		
	Apologies were received from C Oulton (work commitments), L		
	Homes would be joining the meeting at 6.30 pm. D Isaacs would		
	be unable to report on Forest Schools.		
3.13	Order of Business and items for AOB SS would be giving the		
	Report on Forest Schools in place of DI. The discussion on		
	Ofsted requirements would be replaced by feedback on the		
	Ofsted inspection.		
3.14	Declarations of Interest		
	There were no interests declared which were relevant to the		
0.45	meeting.		
3.15	Junior Leadership Team		
	The Chair welcomed members of the JLT.		
	Minutes of the last meeting 22.44.47 and metters evicing		
	Minutes of the last meeting 23.11.17 and matters arising. The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed by		
	Robert.		
	Matters arising:		
	Comments:		
	Shalfleet Prayer Garden: Some pupils still using this as a play		
	area. Governors suggested that the Gardening Club prepare the		
	Prayer Garden as a quiet area in September, ready to be used in		
	the Spring. Existing stones could be used as a feature and		
	pupils could use the area for reading.	JLT /	asap
	JLT to discuss with DM	DM	uoup
	Last year's funding	2	
	Shalfleet had spent money on inflatable balls and a container for		
	them. The JLT keep it tidy, but everyone can use them.		
	Yarmouth had bought balls, hoops and frisbees with a container		
	for storage, which meant that the PE cupboard could be sorted.		
	These items made a big difference at both schools.		
	Plans for next year		
	Shalfleet		
	Q <u>Could the security of the site be increased as empty bottles</u>		
	had been found under the house?	_	
	A The grounds will be checked every morning.	SBM	Asap
	The JLT requested a slide, roundabout and swings with Astroturf		
	with more activities for quiet play and equipment to play cricket.		
	They would also like the house to be made bigger.		
	Governors asked the JLT to consider how this could be	JLT	Sept
	achieved? How much would it cost and how could the money be		
	raised?		
	The JLT would like the opportunity to play a proper game of		
	football.	<u>ит</u>	Sont
	JLT to discuss with PE Co-ordinator	JLT	Sept
	Q The fire bells in years 3 and 4 are very noisy as they are close	I	

	<u>together.</u> Could they be moved? A Rooms have to have fire bells to comply with fire regulations,	SBM	asap
	however it may be possible to move them further apart. It was suggested that the library be extended so that books could be taken outside. (There used to be a trolley for this). Homework Club	Head	Sept
	Q <u>Could there be activities available for when homework was</u> <u>finished, rather than just the computer</u> ? A Yes, games will be put out. <u>Yarmouth</u> The JLT would like more computers and bigger classrooms.	DM	asap
3.16	Review of the year All members of the JLT said that they had enjoyed being part of the team. The best thing was spending money and achieving something worthwhile.		
3.17	Any Other Business The Chair, Mrs Bradshaw, thanked the members of the Junior Leadership Team for attending the meeting. They had shown an interest in everything and everyone had participated in the discussions. They were articulate, very polite and respectful of each other's comments. If they had any further questions, would they please speak to Mrs Smith who would pass on their ideas. It was hoped that some money would be available for JLT next year and that some pupils would remain on the JLT to provide some continuity. The JLT will be advised when their next meeting with Governors will be. It was also suggested that Learning Leaders join a Governors' Meeting.	Chair	Next year
	The Junior Leadership Team left the meeting at 5.05 pm.		
	LG joined the meeting at 5.15 pm		
	Feedback on Forest Schools Pupils from Year 1 at Shalfleet and Year 1 & 2 at Yarmouth had attended for mornings or afternoons for a 6 week block. Pupils organised themselves into groups to make shelters and learn different outdoor skills and were accompanied by TAs. SS reported that parental feedback had been very good. Pupils had gained in confidence, particularly those who were less academic. LG reported that this had been a trial run to gauge the impact on pupils and consider the longevity of impact. It had been very successful and it was hoped to offer the experience to pupils in Years 1 and 4 in future. These are both transition years where pupils would benefit most. Governors commented that the only challenge was that some		

Pupil Premium	 pupils' behaviour on the day following the Forest School was challenging. It was recommended that Mondays or ideally Fridays might be better days. Q <u>Will any current year 1 pupils be able to continue at Forest</u> <u>School</u>? A Forest School cannot be offered to all pupils, however those who benefit most may be able to continue with some days throughout the year which would give them continuity. Q <u>Would parents question why some pupils were going and not others</u>? A Probably, but Forest Schools are used to support pupils who find it harder to work in a classroom environment than others. It was considered that this was a good use of Pupil Premium funding. Clarity is needed for parents and staff as to who will attend the Forest School and this can go on the website. There is now a Beach School available which would be good to educate parents in the use of free resources for children. 	Head	Asap
	It was suggested that information be obtained from all agencies offering resources such as the Library service, Fort Victoria Rangers, Forest and Beach Schools. This would go out on a factsheet to parents for the holidays. It is intended to further develop the skills learnt at Forest School to implement part of the curriculum and train school staff in activities. An impact sheet will be produced next year to show the "before and after" impacts of attending the Forest School. Forest School will be booked for next year, costs as agreed for three years at previous Finance meetings.	Head Head	Asap Next year
	The Governors left the meeting at 5.40 pm to watch Year 6 end of year show for parents. The pupils were very entertaining and should be congratulated on behalf of the Governors.		
	Meeting with Mathew Wrixon Summary of meeting Visit report Crib sheet all attached		
	Feedback from Ofsted Inspection The Headteacher reported on the Ofsted Inspection which had taken place on the previous day.		
	LH joined the meeting at 6.30 pm		
	Q <u>What is the difference between the Junior Leadership Team</u> <u>and the Leadership Leaders?</u> A The JLT are elected by their class to deal with social issues such as the playground and resources. The Learning Leaders are chosen by Staff from Year 3 upwards and they look at learning and physical resources and undertake learning		
	observations. Governors would like the Learning Leaders to	Head /	Next

join one of the Full Governors' Meetings next year. <u>Q Do the Senior Leadership Team consider comments from the</u> <u>Learning Leaders?</u> A Yes, this is shown in the FDP. It is hoped that there will be a Pupils' FDP next year, following the same format as the existing FDP. Governors thanked the Headteacher and her Staff from both schools for their hard work this term. 	Chair	year
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The Full Governors' Meeting continued at 7 pm

3.18	Minutes and Confidential Minutes of the last meeting 24.5.17 and matters arising The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed by the		
	Chair. Action Sheet Some actions still outstanding - see updated sheet. Questionnaires SS to send response to clerk for distribution to governors Phone This has been actioned but HT asked for governors to keep an eye on how the phone at Shalfleet is being answered Extra 30 hours	SS/ Clerk	Asap
	 Q.how will mixing pre-school and school age children work? Small numbers currently, will still be in ratio, but will monitor to see if it grows. Due for review in October <u>New Shed</u> Q What funding was used for this and how was the project approved? HT to check with SBM but it is thought to have to come from left over build money. Need to confirm schemes of delegation with staff and ensure any expenditure affecting carry forward comes to governors. Tree work 	HT/SBM CB	Asap
	To be looked at by DD in summer premises walk <i>Q</i> do we have a maintenance book Yes <u>New pick up procedures</u> <i>Q</i> Has it helped congestion problems? Yes, had a huge impact <u>Admissions</u> <u>Check dates are updated ready for September</u>	нт	Asap
3.19	Governing Body Business Membership CW completed forms and returned to Shalfleet office 3 weeks ago. HT to locate and pass to Brian Mead.	Head	asap

	Expiration of terms for CB and DD in November. Possibility of CB becoming a Foundation Governor for Thorley, to make way for a new Local Authority Governor. CB has paperwork and will consider. Steve Holland, a possible future governor is now due to do some school improvement with the HT so would not join the governing body while this work is going on. An email received from a parent – no current parent governor vacancy but HT will invite into school to show round and discuss. The Clerk asked governors to think about whether they'd like to stand for Chair and Vice Chair in September and which responsibilities they want to do. CB is happy to continue in chair but would prefer to co-chair, mainly for the organisational aspects if someone is willing to share the role, as feels she hasn't been able to give the Federation the time it deserves	Head Govs	asap Sept
	<u>Govs Forum</u> People willing to share but need the right platform -more workshops would be helpful. No report received. <u>Dfe/LA Matters</u> Data protection/confidentiality - importance of using school email addresses and not home emails. Report to be placed on website.	Clerk	asap
	<u>Gov. Award</u> Only one submission from a pupil at Yarmouth – DD emailed Shalfleet to find out if anymore. Agreed to go ahead this year anyway with trophy and prizes and look to promote better next year.		
3.20	Headteacher's Verbal Report –		
FDP link	<u>Leadership Structure</u> Staffing plan to be sent out for September which includes subject leaders across the federation. <u>SEF</u>	Clerk	Asap
	In process of updating – will complete during the summer and ensure impact is included. Thinking of introducing a new SEF to ensure where there have been good results that the focus continues. <u>Attendance</u> Shalfleet report to be completed tomorrow, Yarmouth already	Head	Asap
	done. One persistent absentee, emergency CIN meeting this Friday. <u>Shalfleet Crossing</u> Work has started on this. Shalfleet car parking		
	Shalfleet car parking Communication from parents that Mr Meaning's offer still on the table but is difficult to accept for the school on current terms. CB and DM to look at what the school needs in terms of legal aspects, length of term of the lease, suitability of the ground all year round, what work needs to be done (new garage/storage, etc), cost, insurance implications etc. and discuss with legal contact. No time for the school leadership team to do this, needs		

to be done by governors and aim for a plan to be in place by the end of the summer. Q <u>Could the land be used for Forest Schools?</u> Possibly, but the soil content would need to be analysed first. Governors in agreement for CB and DM to put together a baseline on behalf of the GB. Update at next meeting <u>Admissions</u>	Chair/D M	Sept
No Leavers. Year 4 child joining Yarmouth. 2 more in Year 1 at Shalfleet (totalling 26) and 27 expected in reception. Head hoping to get details of waiting list for Shalfleet.		
Safeguarding – no children at CP level		
Health & Safety – No issues. Fire drill planned before the end of term Q <u>What happens if the school is under threat, what is the plan</u> ? Emergency Procedures Plan in place. Most classrooms now have phones, and mobiles and walkie talkies are carried by staff outside.		
CW left the meeting at 7.40 pm.		
Q <u>Has fire safety been reviewed in light of recent events in</u> <u>London</u> ? Equipment checked last week and drill altered slightly at Yarmouth to avoid bottle neck of children exiting the building. Q <u>How have we dealt with children seeing the news on TV</u> – Have been mindful of younger children who may have been protected from it, but have given the older children reflection time and considered the victims in our Worship/prayer times. Q <u>Are we aware of the dangers of snapchat? Although the age</u> <u>limit is 13 years, are parents aware</u> ? A letter will be sent out to parents at the beginning of next term.	Head	Sept
<u>Complaint Panel</u> None of the allegations were upheld. Lessons to be learnt, HT putting in protocols for staff working with children's services. LG and JC now completed Safeguarding Level 5. The Head thanked all Governors involved with the Appeal.		
Support for the Head Teacher HT advised she is getting good support from Steve Holland and Claire Oulton		
<u>New Logo</u> A donor has kindly paid for all the new banners for both schools which the HT showed governors. New logo can now be shown on website.	DM	asap
Standards HT will send outcomes – reception good at Yarmouth, Years 2	Head	asap

	and 6 good at Shalfleet, Year 6 Yarmouth, as expected.		
3.21	Pupil Premium Impact Report and Pupil Premium Strategy attached. This is now on the on Website.		
PE	Sports / PE Report not yet received	Curricul	asap
funding	Central Record Report completed, see attached emails.	um lead	
3.22	Portfolio Holders' Reports		
	Standards 11/7 meeting was postponed due to Ofsted		
	Finance 29/6 report attached		
	Inclusion 27/6 report attached		
	SIAMS 9/6 no report		
	Safeguarding report to follow		
	Governor Visits EYFS outdoor visit – completed by CB report to follow		
	Marking staff meeting 6/6 report attached		
	Book scrutiny 16/6, 30/6 completed by CW reports attached		
	Communicake 16/6 not attended		
	Emotional literacy parent workshops 26/6, 27/6 <i>Q Did any parents attend?</i> None from either school <i>Q Did Parents understand what was involved?</i> It was explained with details of the meeting		
3.23	Curriculum Lead Reports None received		
	EYFS Moderation Report for Shalfleet attached		
	Governors complimented the team following the excellent moderation		
3.24	Policies and Documents		
	<i>Statutory</i> Governor Allowances Religious Education		

	Non-Statutory Marking & Feedback	
	No comments on the above. Policies were agreed by governors.	
3.25	Any Other Business	
FDP link	Development day Monday 24 th July at Yarmouth - FDP/SEF/Curriculum morning, Governors session on the afternoon to look at the planner and evaluate the year.	
3.26	Date of Next Meeting	
	TBA pending pay policy consultation.	