

GOVERNING BODY OF ST ADRIAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
First Meeting of the Spring Term - Monday, 20 February 2017 – 6.00pm in the School

Present	Mrs. J. Harrison FG [VCoG]	Mrs. J. Egenes FG	Mr. A. Petch FG
	Mr. D. Bedford AM	Mrs. Y. Hawkes HTG	Mrs. M. Roe FG
	Mr. E. Behan PG	Mr. R. King STG	Mrs. N. Thorpe PG
	Mrs. E. Christie PG	Ms. M. Moroney FG	
Apologies	Mr. R. Belt FG and Mr. D. Tang LAN		
In attendance	Mrs. B. Bliss [Clerk to Governors]		

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1.	<p>Y5 CLASS VISIT: Ms. Donjon [Class Teacher] gave an informative talk on topics currently being taught in different subjects. The GB was impressed by the bright colourful displays and the innovative teaching angles, ensuring pupils' interest and enthusiasm. Ms. Donjon answered several questions including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you think is the most challenging subject/issue? • How do the slower pupils cope? • How have the pupils found raised expectations, in curriculum terms? • How much IT/technology is used, and do pupils enjoy it? <p>On behalf of the GB, the Vice Chair thanked Ms. Donjon for a most interesting talk.</p>	
2.	THE MEETING opened with prayers led by the Vice Chair.	
3.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received and accepted from Mr. R. Belt FG and Mr. D. Tang LAN.	
4.	STATEMENTS OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None	
5.	<p>EXTRA ITEMS FOR INCLUSION UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal Approval of 2018/19 Admissions Criteria and Policies [AP] • Recent Visit of HIP [JH] • Recent Visit of LG to Y6 [JH] 	
6.	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING [28 November 2016]: Copies having been previously circulated, these were agreed as an accurate record of proceedings: proposer Mr. Petch; seconder Mrs. Moroney. The minutes were signed by the Vice Chair.	
7.	<p>MATTERS ARISING:</p> <p>7.1 2017/18 Terms of Reference - Admission + Discipline and Finance Committees: Copies having been previously circulated, these were formally accepted by the GB.</p> <p>7.2 Post Ofsted Meeting – GB Communication with Non-Attending Parents: It had been decided not to take the matter further, due to the long lapse of time since the meeting.</p> <p>7.3 New Policy - Governors' Allowances: Copies having previously been circulated, and there being no proposed amendments, the policy was formally adopted: proposer Mr. Petch; seconder Mrs. Egenes</p>	

	<p>7.4 Core Groups Meeting [Autumn Term] - Feedback: Notes had now been circulated.</p> <p>8. WESTMINSTER DIOCESE - CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUSTS – UPDATE:</p> <p>8.1 The HT gave a detailed history of CATs, recapping on the events of the past year, and the current diocesan proposals. She highlighted feedback from meetings held with WDES over the last few months, at which there had been much in-depth discussion with head teachers who had raised numerous queries. There had also been some concern on how CATs would work in Hertfordshire, given its geography. The HT circulated to the GB, copies of maps showing how CATs would be grouped together.</p> <p>8.2 During the course of a long discussion, the GB raised a number of points, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How would CATs affect Catholic education? • Would schools that are not already academies be treated differently from those that are? • What future guarantees are offered regarding the level of LA support and professional expertise currently enjoyed by Hertfordshire? • What future guarantees regarding good leadership and management? • Concerns around the diocese’s capacity [manpower and finance] to support schools • Concerns around funding issues • Concerns around the future autonomy of Catholic HTs • Concerns around the future of foundation governor appointments <p>8.3 Summing up, the Vice Chair stated that:</p> <p>8.3.1 There seemed to be a huge number of questions that would only be answered, once a number of CATs had been created</p> <p>8.3.2 It could be several years before all schools were taken through the process.</p> <p>8.3.3 It was obvious that, currently, head teachers had enormous reservations</p> <p>8.3.4 The GB was not in a position to make a proposal at the present time, since not enough was known about the process.</p> <p>8.4 On behalf of the GB, the Vice Chair thanked the HT for her informative presentation.</p> <p>9. FINANCE AND SCHOOL BUDGET: The Finance Governor reported verbally on the current financial position. In giving figures for the repair and maintenance section, she stated that these issues had caused an unexpected deficit. However, apart from this, the overall budget was expected to show a healthy surplus at the end of the current financial year. There were no questions.</p> <p>10. TRAINING:</p> <p>10.1 Free of Charge Training Session: Governors were reminded that this would take place on Monday, 27 March from 7-9.00pm in the school, on the topic <i>Good to Outstanding</i>. The Training Governor stressed the</p>	
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	<p>importance of confirming attendance to her, since if this were low, the school would be charged.</p> <p>10.2 Recent GB Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Christie – <i>New Governor Induction – Understanding Data</i> • Mrs. Harrison – <i>Prevent Training</i> • Mrs. Bliss – <i>Clerks Network Meeting</i> <p>11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:</p> <p>11.1 2018/19 Admissions Policies and Criteria:</p> <p>11.1.1 Nursery: Copies having been previously circulated, and there being no proposed amendments, the GB gave its unanimous approval: proposer Mrs Roe; seconder Mr. Behan.</p> <p>11.1.2 Reception: Copies having been previously circulated, and there being no proposed amendments, the GB gave its unanimous approval: proposer Mrs Thorpe; seconder Mrs Egenes.</p> <p>11.2 Y5 LG Visit: The link governor commented on his attendance today at a class Mass and an RE session. Governors acknowledged how well non-RC teachers support the catholicity of the school. In reply to a query, the HT stated that, so far, three junior classes had attended Wednesday morning parish Mass in St. Bart’s.</p> <p>11.3 HIP Visit and Report: The HT gave a detailed report on the HIP’s recent visit; this had two main focuses, viz. guided reading across the school, and the school’s overall self-evaluation.</p> <p>11.3.1 Guided Reading: The HIP had been very impressed by some excellent class practice, and was extremely enthusiastic about the children’s obvious enjoyment of reading. She had met with the staff in the afternoon to give feedback.</p> <p>11.3.2 Overall Self Evaluation: Subject leadership [which had been mentioned by <i>Ofsted</i> and was also in the SDP] had been a topic for discussion. She would be returning to the school for another half day visit before the end of term.</p> <p>11.3.3 The HT agreed to circulate the report to governors.</p> <p>11.4 Y6 LG Visit: The link governor commented on her attendance at an English class. She was pleased to note the enthusiastic attitude of the pupils, especially the boys, and how well both class groups were supported in their learning by Mr. Hayes and Mr. Bedford. The children’s understanding and use of language was excellent.</p> <p>12. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, 10 March 2017 – 2pm – Core Group Meetings/Feedback – in the school • Monday, 24 April 2017 – 6.30pm – FGB meeting –in the school <p>13. THE MEETING closed at 8.00pm with prayers led by the Vice Chair.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>YH</p>
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