GOVERNING BODY OF ST ADRIAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL Second Meeting of the Autumn Term - Monday, 28 November 2016 – 6.00pm in the School

Present	Mr. R. Belt FG [Chair]	Mrs. J. Harrison 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	Mr. D. Tang LAN
	Mrs. E. Christie PG	Ms. M. Moroney FG	Mrs. N. Thorpe PG
Apologies	Mrs. J. Egenes FG		
In attendance	Mrs. B. Bliss [Clerk to Governors]		

			ACTION
1.	THE MEETING opened with prayers led by the Chair.		
2.	APOLO	OGIES FOR ABSENCE were received and accepted from Mrs. Egenes.	
3.	STATE	MENTS OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None	
4.	EXTRA	A ITEMS FOR INCLUSION UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None	
5.	 FGB MEETING [3 October 2016] – MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING: 5.1 Minutes: Copies having been circulated, and there being no proposed amendments, the minutes were agreed as an accurate record of proceedings [proposer Ms. Moroney, seconder Mr Petch] and signed by the Chair. 		
	5.2	 Matters Arising: 5.2.1 Terms of Reference – Finance and Admissions + Discipline Committees – GB Approval: Copies having been emailed to her, the Clerk agreed to circulate these to governors. 5.2.2 Vision and Strategy Plan – Communication to Parents: It was agreed to postpone this until the spring term. 5.2.3 GB Training Governor - Replacement: Mrs. Thorpe had agreed to take on this responsibility. 	BB YH/MR
6.	 POST OFSTED INSPECTION FEEDBACK MEETING FOR PARENTS -21 November 2016: 6.1 Approximately 60 parents had attended, and shown a positive and lively interest in the inspection outcome and RoL data. 		
	6.2 Since the RoL data had been received the day after the inspection and did not form part of the official <i>Ofsted</i> report, the meeting provided an opportunity to share with, and explain this to parents.		
	 6.3 In discussing parents' comments, governors agreed on a number of points including: The meeting was a chance to stress that, although the school had rece a <i>good</i> judgement, staff refused to be complacent and were still looki forward The excellence of the DHT's explanation on RoL data, in spite of the w of technical data that it contained The RoL data was the best way to show how well the school was doing compared with national levels 		
	6.4 It was decided that the GB should write to non-attending parents, reporting on the outcomes of the meeting, and giving the RoL data headlines, being careful to stress the difference between progress and attainment.		ЈН/ҮН
	6.5	The RoL data should also be uploaded on the school website.	EB

	MRS THORPE ARRIVED		
7.		MEETINGS AND FEEDBACK [Friday, 4 November 2016]: Minutes of adback to the FGB would follow shortly.	Hſ
8.	with th	In Termly Report: It was noted that this had been formulated to slot in ne school development plan headings. Copies of the report having	
	been p 8.1.1	 breviously circulated, the HT expanded on a number of topics, including: Strategic Plan Goal 1 – To further develop the distinctive nature of our school within the Mercy tradition: Visit from CAFOD to lead a school assembly on the Year of Mercy 	
	8.1.2	 Use of 'Ten Ten' resources Setting up of a chaplaincy team – preliminary work Strategic Plan Goal 2 – to develop and embed sustainable high 	
		 quality and robust leadership at all levels across the school: Most of this had been covered by core group meetings and the <i>Ofsted</i> inspection Visits from HfL personnel for HT appraisal, review and support Introduction of a new appraisal system for teaching and support staff 	
	8.1.3	 Strategic Plan Goal 3 – to build a culture of success and achievement for all regardless of their starting point: Data driven – therefore, nothing that <i>Ofsted</i> had said was not already known Ofsted inspectors were most impressed with the way that the school was able to pinpoint the individual progress of a pupil 	
	8.1.4	 Strategic Plan Goal 4 – to develop an aspirational and inspirational curriculum: A very successful science curriculum day held in the first half of autumn term An art/design craft day planned for second half of autumn term This goal was closely related to work within the curriculum groups 	
	8.1.5	 Strategic Plan Goal 5 – to strengthen engagement between school, parents and community: Parents' introductory meetings held for all classes at the beginning of the school year, and Reception in October. Setting up of a <i>Parents' Forum</i> [although this had been delayed due to <i>Ofsted</i>] 	
	8.1.6	 Strategic Plan Goal 6 – to secure effective and strong financial management in order to facilitate excellence in staffing, and a high quality learning environment in order to achieve excellent outcomes for pupils: LCVAP bid submitted for toilet improvement and refurbishment of pupil toilets 	
	8.1.7	Pupil Premium Update: In her report, the HIP had agreed with the school's judgement that these pupils' progress was outstanding	
	8.1.8	Sports Partnership Grant: The sports partnership apprentice to the school had undertaken more responsibility this term, in the wake of the retirement of Mrs. Humpage last summer.	
	8.1.9	Safeguarding: Actions following advice from the HIP had resulted in a follow up audit, giving the school a clean bill of health and fulfilling all the safeguarding requirements of Ofsted	
	8.2 In repl	y to questions on her termly report, the HT stated:	

		8.2.1 8.2.2	There was no further news regarding a permanent replacement to cover the sports responsibilities previously undertaken by Mrs. Humpage. St Bart's was the venue for weekday Mass attended by Y6, as was a	
		8.2.3	whole-school Mass once a term. Parents had agreed with the HT that the use of social media was not an acceptable format for the discussion of pupil related behaviour. The matter had reached a satisfactory conclusion with those involved.	
	MR BE		RIVED	apponsibilities previously undertaken by Mrs. nue for weekday Mass attended by Y6, as was a nue for weekday Mass attended by Y6, as was a once a term. with the HT that the use of social media was not at for the discussion of pupil related behaviour. ched a satisfactory conclusion with those involved. tandards Visit: Copies had been previously at: d her projections for 2016/17 [reasons given] s figure was particularly good ol was on a trajectory to be better than good larita Hopkinson] was exceptionally experienced. stions. tepports: There being no further questions, the ssion by expressing GB pleasure in yet more vancing progress. as Responsibility: tteleblowing [last review Nov.11]: It was Strategy + Personnel WG had recently reviewed the reviewed/updated Reception Policy had been a, head of seeking formal approval. However, the ing held in abeyance, pending advice from the LA amendment. ucational Needs [last review Nov. 15]: No review kc the latest advice on the HfL website. Ms. offered her help propraisal [last review Nov.15]: No review yet. This ubmitted to the S+P WG last review Nov.15]: No review yet. This ubmitted to the S+P WG last review Nov.15]: No review yet. HT to check e Finance Committee, before submitting to the nors' Allowances: This was in hand DATE: n two forthcoming meetings, viz: ber – WDES – specifically for Herts Catholic ded by the HT and Mrs. Harrison] ber – WDES – for all Catholic schools in the minster Diocese [to be attended by the Chair]. eeviewed at the next FGB meeting. YH/JH/RB
	8.3		 Report – 2016-17 Standards Visit: Copies had been previously ted, the HT stated that: She had understated her projections for 2016/17 [reasons given] Data - the phonetics figure was particularly good Table 11 - the school was on a trajectory to be better than <i>good</i> The new HfL HIP [Marita Hopkinson] was exceptionally knowledgeable and experienced. There were no questions. 	
	8.4	Chair s	umn Term and HIP Reports: There being no further questions, the ummed up the discussion by expressing GB pleasure in yet more les of the school's advancing progress.	
	8.5	Policies 8.5.1	s for which the GB has Responsibility: Three Yearly - Whistleblowing [last review Nov.11]: It was confirmed that the Strategy + Personnel WG had recently reviewed and updated this.	вв
		8.5.2	Annual - 2018/19 Admissions – Reception + Nursery [last review Nov.15]: Copies of the reviewed/updated Reception Policy had been circulated to the GB, ahead of seeking formal approval. However, the Nursery one was being held in abeyance, pending advice from the LA regarding possible amendment.	АР
		8.5.3	Annual - Special Educational Needs [last review Nov. 15]: No review yet. The HT to check the latest advice on the HfL website. Ms. Moroney [LG SEN] offered her help	үн/мм
		8.5.4	Annual - Teacher Appraisal [last review Nov.15]: No review yet. This would need to be submitted to the S+P WG	YH/MR
		8.5.6	with the Chair of the Finance Committee, before submitting to the S+P WG	
		8.5.7	New Policy - Governors' Allowances: This was in hand	Fin.Cttee
9.			DEMY TRUSTS – UPDATE:	
	9.1	9.1.1	her news, apart from two forthcoming meetings, viz: Thursday, 1 December – WDES – specifically for Herts Catholic schools [to be attended by the HT and Mrs. Harrison]	
		9.1.2 9.1.3	Saturday, 10 December – WDES – for all Catholic schools in the trusteeship of Westminster Diocese [to be attended by the Chair].	YH/IH/RB
	9.2			,,
	J.Z	9.2.1	Academy Trusts [MATs]: It was reported that a presentation at the recent Annual Conference	
			<i>for Herts Governors</i> had strongly advised on the need for schools to proceed with caution. MATs were originally targeted at schools which had received <i>SM</i> or <i>RI judgements</i> , and 95% of Herts schools were currently judged as either <i>good</i> or <i>outstanding</i> .	

	9.3	 9.3 In reply to questions from governors, it was clarified that: 9.3.1 Catholic schools came under the trusteeship of the appropriate diocese, and as such can only be part of a CAT, not a MAT. 9.3.2 Herts Catholic Schools came under Westminster Diocese; they could not be part of the HfL MAT which was in the process of being set up. 9.3.3 The purpose of CATs was viewed as a way of enhancing and safeguarding Catholic education 		
10.	visit, tł	INANCE: In the absence of the Finance LG, there was no report. However, on her last isit, the school's accountant had confirmed that there was an improvement in the urrent balance. There were no questions.		
11.	GOVEF 11.1	 Free LA In-School Session – Choice of Topic: Following a poll of governors, the majority first choice was Good to Outstanding, although Understanding Assessment Data was also considered. The Training LG agreed to book a date for the spring term. 		
	11.2 Herts Governors – 2016 Annual Conference - Feedback: The Chair and Mr. Petch reported on their attendance at several interesting and worthwhile sessions.			
	11.3	 Heads and Governors' Briefing Meeting – Autumn Term - Feedback: 11.3.1 Ms. Moroney gave a verbal report on topics discussed. There were no questions. 11.3.2 Ms. Moroney requested the HT to check whether <i>an index of DfE papers</i> had been emailed to her; if not, Ms. Moroney would chase up the matter. This was an excellent tool and should be circulated to all governors. 		
	11.4	Clerks' Network Meeting – Autumn Term – Feedback: The Clerk would forward to Mr. Petch, copies of the hand-outs concerning SVFS preparation.	вв	
12.	Spring	CONFIRMATION OF MEETING DATES – 2016/17: These were corrected/confirmed as:Spring Term:Monday, 20 February 2017[FGB]Friday, 10 March 2017[Core Groups]Summer Term:Monday, 24 April 2017[FGB]Friday, 30 June 2017[Core Groups + 2017/18 SDP Preparation]Monday, 10 July 2017[FGB]		
13.	 ANY OTHER BUSINESS: 13.1 Mr. Behan was congratulated on his provisional appointment as a foundation governor by the Westminster Diocesan Education Commission. 			
	13.2 There no further items for discussion			
14.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 20 February 2017 – 6.30pm – in the school			
15.	THE M	EETING closed at 7.20pm, with prayers led by the Chair.		