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So the end of term is nearly here. I know all our schools have got some wonderful events going on before we break up and it is so exciting that we can attend these freely this year. Good luck to all those children and parents that leave us this year. We hope you have a wonderful time in secondary school.

A few weeks ago, the Governing Body had their termly meeting to ensure that the school is running effectively and all children are progressing well educationally. In the interest of transparency, the Governing Body keeps you updated on items discussed at our full Governing Body meetings throughout each academic year. The minutes from each meeting are held in the school office, once they have been approved, and if any parent would like to look at these in detail please ask the Executive Headteacher.

The following list is a summary of the points discussed during our recent Summer Term meeting:

1. Unfortunately, we have lost another couple of governors, Rachel Coward and Pete Ball.

Rachel had been with the Governing body for many years; we wish her well on her new journey. Catherine Egleton will take on Rachel's role as Foundation Governor.

Pete Ball had also been on the Governing Body for many years and was part of the business management team. His retirement leaves a space in the Governing Body and we would welcome anyone who feels they may have the skill set to join the governors to come and have a chat with myself or Marilyn.

2. The complaints committee has met in response to a stage 2 complaint made. Recommendations have been made to the Executive Headteacher and an action plan put in place.

3. Minutes from the previous meeting were agreed and any action/impact points were discussed:

- New Governor paperwork is all up to date
- The Extended school working group has attended a PTA meeting at Church Preen and a questionnaire regarding Extended School Clubs will go out to parents of Church Preen and Brockton soon (not Wistanstow, as this is run by a private provider). Breakfast and After School Clubs are an important issue for our federation, and we are trying our hard to find the best possible fit for our schools. Please fill out the questionnaire when you receive it, to help us get a broad picture of the needs of our parents.



- We are hoping to run a whole federation Carols and Candles event in the next term. This will allow all our pupils, staff and Governors to come together and meet each other, something we have been hoping to do for a long time, but unfortunately Covid has got in the way.

4. Minutes from Curriculum Committee was discussed:

- It began with myself reporting the findings from a Maths Pupil Voice Survey which I had undertaken last term. Here I had spoken to 3-4 pupils from each class, across The Federation, about their Maths learning. The findings were:
 - All children said they enjoyed Maths lessons
 - All children spoke competently about their Maths learning
 - Homework wasn't set consistently across the Federation

Staff have already put an action plan in place to ensure any issues that arose have been responded to.

- A new marking policy has been put in place across The Federation to ensure all markings in books is consistent across the federation. This allows all staff and pupils to understand what is required and helps manage teacher workload.
- Diane Crowe will initiate some Pupil Voice meetings regarding English later this term.
- Marilyn informed Governors that the new SENCo post (Catherine Cowper) has been put in place and is working very well. She is very hands on and is trying to meet with all staff and parents as soon as possible. We are hoping this role will raise the profile of SEND within our federation.
- I have created a link governor booklet that explains the roles of each of our governors and includes clear expectations and some questions they can ask staff and pupils. This should be helpful to new and old governors alike. Marilyn has also created a Link Governor visit form. This will also help governors record their visits into school in a cohesive manner.

5. Minutes from the Business Management committee were discussed:

- Catering and Cleaning contracts need to be reviewed. It was agreed to consider using a specialist management company to provide the best and most cost-effective management and monitoring solution.
- Charges for school meals increased at the start of the summer term in response to increases from our suppliers.
- It was agreed that some of the DFC budget would be spent on IT equipment across the federation.

6. Marilyn Hunt gave the Head Teacher's Report to the Governors detailing progress within schools and updating Governors on whole school issues. In addition, there were also reports from the Assistant Head or Senior Teacher at each school

- As of September some of our schools will have a new staffing structure:
We say farewell to Helen Whitehead and Johnathon Pygott at Church Preen and wish them the very best in the future.
Congratulations to Sue Phillips from Church Preen, who will take on the Head of School role at both Church Preen and Wistanstow.
Kate Ross (Church Preen) will move into teaching class 1, as a job share with Nadine Wilde.
Two new teachers have been appointed in class 2 at Church Preen, on a job share from September 2022. We welcome and congratulate Rebecca Williams and Hannah Matthews
We welcome a new TA, Sarah Pitt, who has been appointed at Brockton.
From September Carole Fenton (Wistanstow) will be covering Catherine Cowper's (Brockton) SENCo release day. This will be on a Wednesday. Carole will continue to work at Wistanstow on Thursday and Friday each week
- Staffing and finances for breakfast and after school club provision remains an issue
- There has been a variety of staff training taking place across the Federation
- All three schools have introduced a new PSHE curriculum called Jigsaw.

- Cross federation links are beginning to take place, with Wistanstow and Church Preen going on joint residential visits together this term.
 - Attendance across the Federation is good.
 - CPOMs is proving invaluable in recording any pupil issues in school
7. Brockton Primary School had a one-day Section 8 Ofsted inspection on 7 June. Governors attended the required meetings. The report will be issued by Ofsted in due course.
 8. Each school's School Development Plan was discussed, and it was reported that overall, there had been good progress towards the actions/targets in the plan.
 9. Marilyn reported that The Federation's schools only receive a small amount of Covid-19 Recovery Funding from the Government, and this was spent on providing additional Teaching Assistant hours to support all pupils.

The above is a brief overview of what was discussed in the full Governing Body meeting. We hope this is of interest to you and gives you an insight into what goes on behind the scenes at The Edge Schools' Federation.

This is my last letter to yourselves as I leave the Governing Body at the end of this term. It has been a pleasure to be part of The Edge Federation and thank you for all your support over the years. Currently nobody has come forward to take over the position of Chair full time, therefore the Vice Chair Steve Hall will step up to the position.

Many thanks
Amber Byrne
Chair of Governors