

**Minutes of the meeting of the Governing Body of  
Stormont House School held at 4pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
by videoconference**

**Present:**

Mr Bernard Hawes	Co-opted Governor – Chair
Ms Lynn Dalton	Co-opted Governor – Vice-Chair
Mr Kevin McDonnell	Head Teacher
Ms Beatrice Andrews	LA Governor
Ms Rhiannon Eglin	Co-opted Governor
Ms Dot Hodgson	Co-opted Governor
Mr Dayo Okewaled	Co-opted Governor
Ms Claire Napier	Staff Governor

**In attendance:**

Ms Grainne Hylton	School Business Manager
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**1 Attendance**

**1.1 Welcome**

The Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

**1.2 Declarations of Interest**

There were no new declarations of interest.

**1.3 Register of Pecuniary Interests**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

**2 Main Business**

**2.1 Review of year-end close 2020/21.**

GH reported that at the end of the financial year 2020/21 the school had an accumulated surplus of £310,034. Although this was a little over the 8% of budget allowed no spend plan was required by Schools Finance because of the effect of the Covid pandemic. It was stated that expenditure on Curriculum resources, Therapies, and school journeys had been less than budgeted because of the Lockdown conditions during the year. Additional expenditure related to Covid was recovered through various grants. Although the school had a significant surplus carried forward into 2021/22 it was pointed out that the grants for Teachers' Pensions and Teachers Pay' totalling £100,000 received in 2020/21 Pay totalling £100'000. The Resources Committee had at their May meeting reviewed in depth these reports and recommended the GB approve them.

The GB approved the financial reports.

## **2.2 Budget for 2021/22.**

GH presented the budget for 2021/22 showing an in-year deficit of £37,824 which was covered by the brought-forward surplus of £310,034. The budgeted income was based on 122 yr 7-11 pupils from September and 20 pupils in the 6<sup>th</sup> form. KM stated that pupil numbers were subject to change because of tribunal decisions and the increased need for SEND places in Hackney. Pupils from other LA's legally had the right to attend Stormont if the pupil's needs could be met by the school, but LA's preference was to seek a provision within borough.

Staff costs were based on the school's current shadow structure factoring in known changes from September. Other costs were budgeted at pre-covid levels. The Resources Committee had reviewed the budget in depth at its' May meeting and recommended it to the GB for approval.

After a brief discussion, the Budget for 2021/22 was approved.

## **2.3 3-year Budget Plan 2021/22 to 2023/24.**

BH stated that this was a Schools Finance requirement. Because of the uncertainty over pupil numbers in future years and the relevant per pupil funding levels it was very difficult to forecast income and the resulting staff structure and associated cost. The Plan took 2020/21 as a base and adjusted income and costs on a best estimate base for the years 2022/23 and 2023/24.

The GB approved the plan.

## **3 A.O.B**

### **3.1 Recruitment**

#### **Deputy Head Inclusion and Safeguarding**

The Head Teacher reported that following the recent recruitment event the panel had agreed on the appointment of an applicant who seemed an excellent candidate for the Deputy Head for Inclusion and Safeguarding role. An offer had been made to this individual who had accepted the appointment starting 1<sup>st</sup> September.

#### **Recruitment of New Governors**

BH reported that KM, LD and he had met, by videoconferencing, two potential governors. They were both very keen to join the GB and had visited the school to see it in operation. Both candidates had a range of experiences which would complement the existing skills of the GB. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that they should be invited to observe the next GB meeting in June. BH said he would circulate the individual resumes to GB members for information. A decision on their appointment would be made after the GB meeting in June.

GH also reported that a parent had shown a keen interest in being a parent governor and understood the commitment. It was decided that they also should be invited to observe the June GB meeting.

The meeting closed at 5.50pm

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(Chair of Governing Body)

21<sup>st</sup> June 2021

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**Signed: Chair of Governors**

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**Date**