**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT SCHOOL 23/3/17**

PRESENT :- Jill Ryder, Sharon Lord, Christine Pascoe, Dave Kay, Una McGovern, Kate Burch, Pip Cartmell.

APOLOGIES :- Tom Benson, Tony Callcutt, Anna Neville.

1. Matters arising from last minutes.
* Grant applications have now been submitted to Staverton and the lottery and the Tesco one will be sent this week. Hopefully the outcome of the applications will be known by the end of June.
* We have chosen Earthwrights to install the play trail when the funds are in place.
* If we don’t have enough to do the whole thing in one go we can do it bit by bit.
1. Head of school report
* See attached report
* In relation to the Big Classroom it was suggested that a link may be able to be made with Tracy Clarke’s old school in London when she joins the school next term.
* School dinners are still an issue which is being addressed. The school council has met with Geetie from Riverford and the menu is being looked at again. There will be a survey for parents to complete about what is wanted. Jill will be meeting again with Geetie and Tony Callcut. There is concern from parents that the meals are not consistent and that they do not always send what is on the menu. This week it should have been sausage casserole but it was sausage and mash.
* It is expected that there will be an OFSTED inspection in the autumn term and safeguarding is likely to feature highly.
* It would be helpful for the school to have some feedback from parents about Mothering Friday service and Family Fun Fursday.
* Some parents have been upset by the attendance letters they have received from the school. The school is meeting statutory obligations to monitor attendance, so letters have to be sent where attendance is below 95%.
1. School ethos, SIAMs and RE
* See attached report
* SIAMS: Sharon explained the role of SIAMS more fully to committee, questions were clarifies and it was agreed that next year when moving into Inpection period SL & JR will share the SEF & their evaluation of RE, CW & Ethos. There is also likely to be a church school inspection in the summer term, this is separate from OFSTED.
1. Parent rep feedback
* School dinners has been raised as a concern (see above)
* Parents have made positive comments about the work Tash is doing with the play leaders.
* A buddy bench has been suggested. There are benches in the playground and a buddy bench could be created. Jill will look into it.
* Some parents have written letters about the concerns about funding.
* There is a lot of stuff behind the shed at the top of the field. Jill will arrange for this to be moved.
* There is a problem with children going into the forest school area and removing items which have been out there for forest school use. Josie has had to change what she was going to do because things have been taken by children or have been broken. Discussion about whether it should be fenced off or a shed to put things in. FOLS may be able to fund something but it depends on the outcome of the grant applications what funds are available after the play trail.
1. Health, safety and behaviour
* Accident book, think zone log and scrap book signed.
1. Date for next meeting
* 11/5/17 at school at 6pm.