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1. Present: Mark Patterson, Simon Peyton-Jones, James Strachan, Jim Warwick, Andrew Kennedy.

2. Apologies: Susannah Clements

In attendance: Wendy Palmby (Clerk)

This meeting was quorate 5 Governors out of 6 present. (Quorum is a minimum of 3 Governors)

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests: None were declared.

4. Register of Business: Simon Peyton Jones and Andrew Kennedy declared that they worked for Microsoft Research and "Tablets at Chesterton" are on the Agenda.

5. Minutes of the last meeting, (30.11.2013) were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

6. Matters arising:

i. **Articles of Association-Proposed changes:** The meeting scheduled with Mark Small, our solicitor, had been postponed due to inclement weather. It is proving difficult to arrange up this meeting, but the Clerk will reschedule if possible. The alternative is to find a new solicitor. **Action:** Clerk to arrange another meeting with Mark Small and also contact a school who have already been through the process of changing their articles, for advice.

ii. **FGB Terms of Reference:** There was a query on whether our Parent Governors should be elected or appointed. The Articles of Association state that a minimum of 2 Parent Governors should be elected, therefore others can be appointed.

We have one Governor whose term of office is about to end. It was decided to move this Governor over to the Community Governors, to replace another Community Governor who has recently finished his term and does not wish to stand again. This will be proposed at the next FGB meeting on 5th March 2013.

Action: Clerk to add to the Agenda for the next FGB meeting.

7. Tablet Scheme update: As the Governors had previously met to discuss this on the previous evening (Notes to be circulated to all Governors), it was decided that this topic needed no further time at this meeting.

8. Future Issues for Strategic Committee discussion:

There are increasing numbers in Primary Education that will impact on Secondary schools in Cambridge in 3-4 years time. This is something Governors need to keep in mind going forward. There are also proposed new schools in the area and Governors discussed the possibilities if Chesterton were to express an interest in supporting these.

There was some discussion on the numbers of students in schools locally and would Chesterton have enough places to cope with this. The Head said there had been a surge in applications for Year 7 students in September.

The new housing being built would result in students needing a school place before new schools were built, which may affect Chesterton.

The priority however, is to achieve "Outstanding" according to Ofsted and make sure each student is given the maximum attention and support possible.

The goal posts for Ofsted have recently changed and we need to adapt to meet these expectations. Pupil premium: Chesterton needs to continue monitoring the amount of pupil premium for individual free school meal (FSM) students. The difficulty arises when some students have a greater need, but are not FSM students.

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There is a possibility that some of the 106 money from the Cambridge City Football housing development could be used to provide a pavilion for the Chesterton sports ground. This would open up new opportunities for Chesterton.

9. Policy Review: The Publication scheme (FOI) policy is in need of review and will be on the agenda for the next Strategic meeting.

Action: Clerk to ask Tracy Roden to update Publication Scheme document and bring to next meeting on 10th May.

10. A.O.B:

Vertical Tutoring: The plan is to introduce this from Year 9 in September 2013 with maybe a phase back to Year 8 in the next year or the year after. This will only affect tutor time and there will be a growth in competition between houses. Names of houses will be suggested. It was suggested that the Head could give an overall picture to all Governors

Action: Clerk to add to agenda for FGB on 5th March

11. The Chair requested governors to bring any future issues that would benefit from discussion, to the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to send a reminder around the 29th April 2013

12. Reception doors are being replaced over Easter with funding obtained from the last successful bid. They will be sliding doors with a dark grey surround. The result of the current bid submitted should be known soon.

13. Date of the next meeting: Agreed date Friday 21st June 2013 at 8am.

The meeting closed at 9.00am.

Signed Date