

**Minutes of the meeting of the Governing Body of Stormont House School
held at the school at 5pm on Monday 22nd May 2023**

Membership:

Name	Role	Term of Office
Mr Bernard Hawes	Co-opted Governor – Chair	25/11/2019-24/11/2023
Ms Beatrice Andrews	LA Governor – Vice Chair	25/03/2019-24/03/2023
Mr Kevin McDonnell	Head Teacher	Ongoing
Ms Rhiannon Eglin	Co-opted Governor	05/10/2020-04/10/2024
Ms Judith Enenmoh	Co-opted Governor	21/06/2021-20/06/2025
Ms Dot Hodgson	Co-opted Governor	31/07/2022-30/07/2026
Ms Claire Napier	Staff Governor	01/09/2019-31/08/2023
Mr Dayo Okewale	Co-opted Governor	23/11/2020-22/11/2024
Mr Nicola Pizzolato	Co-opted Governor	21/06/2021-20/06/2025
Ms Gillian Wickham	Parent Governor	(tba)
Mr Allan Roddie	Parent Governor	(tba)

Present:

Mr Bernard Hawes
 Ms Rhiannon Eglin (from 5.13pm)
 Ms Dot Hodgson
 Ms Claire Napier
 Mr Nicola Pizzolato
 Mr Alan Roddie

In attendance:

Mr Kevin McDonnell Head Teacher
 Ms Sandra Collier Deputy Head Teacher
 Ms Grainne Carpenter School Business Manager (Budget item only)

1 Attendance

1.1 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Ms Judith Enenmoh, Mr Alan Roddie. Ms Beatrice Andrews (unable to link via internet)

2 Presentation of Budget for 2023/24

The budget statements had been circulated earlier.

Mr Hawes stated that the budget had been reviewed in depth by the Resources Committee and the agreed revisions incorporated into the budget statements.

Ms Carpenter stated that the budget had been built from a zero base. Pupil income using the revised funding agreed by Hackney, was based on current year pupil numbers and those expected in September 2023, Staff costs, the largest element of expenditure, was based on the current staffing structure and payroll information, adjusted for known variances. Other expenditure was budgeted for using the current years costs adjusted for known increases.

Mr Hawes stated that although the budget showed an in-year surplus for 2023/24 of £162K this was just 4% of the total budget. Whilst pupil numbers show an upward trend, the small class-based T&L structure could be challenged in the future, resulting in additional staffing requirements and costs. He also stated that the Teachers pay award had still not been agreed and that a further increase above the 4.5% offered would require funding by the school. An additional award of 1% would cost £16k

Following discussion, the budget was approved.

3 Safeguarding Overview

Ms Collier presented a detailed overview on how Safeguarding was managed within the school. Governors traced the recording of a concern within the My Concern system, the follow-up, reporting and conclusion. Working with external agencies was also discussed to ensure the more serious concerns recorded were brought to an agreed solution that ensured the pupil was safe.

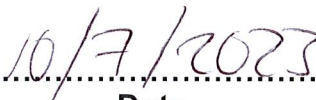
Governors were invited to complete the Safeguarding training available through the Key and forward a copy of their certificate of completion to Ms Collier.

Ms Collier agreed to circulate a copy of the slides to all governors.

The meeting ended at 6.30pm



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Signed: Chair of Governors



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Date