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Minutes of the Meeting of the Standards Committee Wednesday 6th July 2016 – 4.30pm

Present: James Hughes (Chair), Maria Higgins (Head), Simon Freeland, Maggie Ford, John Garlick, Will Sutton, Sharon Barwick
Clerk: Karen Bird

- 1 **Apologies** were received and accepted from Natalie Paine
- 2 **Declaration of Interests** – Maggie Ford is a member of Friends of Townley School; Maria Higgins, Head, attends the meetings.
- 3 **Minutes of last meetings** – were agreed and signed by the Chair
- 4 **Matters arising** – Terms of Reference has been completed and dealt with appropriately at the FGB.

The Head apologised that Pupil Data Age Related wasn't available due to unforeseen circumstances that had arisen that week.

5 **Review of End of Year SATs/Test results and Priorities for 16/17**

As previously explained, the targets for this year have been changed, and specific data was not available at the beginning of the academic year, meaning that Townley started the school year with no official key performance indicators. The transfer to the new system has shifted and the levels pupils are expected to achieve at the end of Key Stage 1 and 2 has changed. It was thought that some parents may be surprised at the results, but supporting information will be sent out with the reports.

The Head explained that if a child is working at above age related in Year 3, then that is expected to be continued through to Year 6. However, the new system and change in targets will mean that this isn't reflected in all Year 6 results.

Year 6 results, 11 pupils, (9% per pupil)

72% achieved expected level in Reading, National Average was 60%, No children obtained greater depth.

54% achieved expected level in SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)
National Average 72%

54% achieved in writing, National Average was 74%

34% achieved in Maths, National Average was 70%

To achieve a pupil is expected to obtain a raw score of 100; the lowest raw score for Maths was 91. It was also noted that the way a paper is marked has changed.

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Pupils have to use the designated method to obtain marks for working out even if their end answer is wrong, whereas before pupils had a choice of methods. Townley have had a Maths advisor working with Class 3 teacher for the past 5 weeks, unfortunately we were unable to get this support at the beginning of the academic year when it was requested.

Question was put to the head, was she aware how other local schools in the area – Head replied that many were disappointed. Overall percentages appeared the same, but Townley had fared better in reading, which proved that the investment made this year had paid off.

This year one Year 6 pupil did not take the tests which makes a big difference when there is such a small cohort. This child has not been in school since October and this has also had a knock on effect with us achieving our Attendance target of 97%. (Approximately 1% per child). We are currently at 94.3%, with one family on intervention, although they failed to attend the meeting.

Year 2 results 14 pupils (7.14% per pupil)

78% achieved in reading with 3 obtaining greater depth

64% in Writing

71.4% in Maths with 2 obtaining greater depth. This also included an EAL pupil.

Phonic screening for Year 1 13 pupils (7.69% per pupil)

84% achieved the expected level.

Year 2 - 3 pupils (33% per pupil)

2 passed, one didn't, but had made an improvement from previous year.

EYFS – 14 Pupils (7.14%)

42% showed a good level of development.

Question was put to the head as to why the EYFS was low. The Headteacher discussed the issues, which are being addressed and it is anticipated that the cohort will close the attainment gap over the next year.

Priorities for next year were identified as writing for the more able child and maths across the whole school.

- 6 **Pupil Data Age Related** – as stated above, this report wasn't available at the time of the meeting, but would be produced for a future date.
- 7 **Home/School Agreement** – The current agreement is dated 2010/11. The head put to the Governors a draft of a new copy, which with one minor alteration was

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accepted. The Head will discuss with the School Council and will be taken to the FGB for acceptance later in the month.

ACTION: Head to take Home/School Agreement to FGB.

- 8 Questions to Head from Policies** – Apart from minor typos the following policies were accepted by the governors present:

Disciplinary Procedures
EYFS
Grievance Procedures
SEND Policy
SRE Policy

AGREED: The above policies were adopted unanimously by the Governors present and signed by the Chair.

- 9 Agenda and date of next meeting** – to be set at the FGB

The meeting closed at 5.35pm