



BRODETSKY PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY AND SCHOOL COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 25 April, 2018 at 13:00

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| PRESENT | Jason Broch, Chair | Susy Jagger, Executive Headteacher (EHT) |
| | Lisa Baker | Dan Cohen |
| | Alan Dunwell | Carolyn Glynn |
| | Lisa Lee | Rebecca Skolnick |
| SCHOOL COUNCIL: | Leo & Zara, Year 2 | Jemima & Josh, Year 3 |
| | Josh, Sienna & Tigi, Year 3/4 | Rafi, Year 4 |
| | Charlotte, Evan, Hannah & Hisham,
Year 5 | Jacob & Lara, Year 6 |
| IN ATTENDANCE: | Sharonjit Bhogal, Deputy Headteacher (DHT) | |
| | Manjit Hare, School Business Manager (SBM) | |
| | Lindsay Seaton | |
| | Sagi Yehezkel | |
| | David J Israel (Clerk) | |

Before the meeting started, governors had school lunch with the Council, who also gave them a tour of the school.

0418-01 WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND NEW DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- The chair and governors warmly welcomed members of the School Council to the meeting. They noted how much they had enjoyed sharing lunch with them and the tour of the school. Governors agreed that this was becoming their favourite meeting of the school year.
- Apologies were received, and accepted, from Henry Cohen and Rabbi Kleiman.
- Governors and the School Council all wished Lisa Baker *mazel tov* on her recent election as President of the Leeds Jewish Representative Council (LJRC).
- Lisa Baker declared her new interest as LJRC President and that, as such, she felt it proper to step down as vice-chair of governors. This was agreed. The chair noted he would seek support for the rest of this academic year from sub-committee chairs for the work of the vice-chair, and a new vice-chair would be sought, as usual, at the start of the new academic year.

ACTION

0418-02 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Resolved: That the minutes of the 15 March meeting be accepted as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes accordingly.

MATTERS ARISING

- 1610-09** The chair is continuing his meetings with governors to review effectiveness.
- 1217-08** The availability of health data is still being sought.

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- 1217-09** The special education needs and disabilities (SEND) annual report has been reviewed. The School Council were asked if they knew who the SEND Coordinator was and they did.
- 1217-11** The purchase of *mezzuzot* for the school through the Friends of Brodetsky is ongoing.
- 1217-11** The nursery funding scenarios have been sent to the resource committee. The EHT confirmed the new fire risk identified has been assessed and is being dealt with.
- 0318-04** The word Jewish has been removed from relevant school documents where it appeared in the school's name.
- 0318-09** Staffing for higher pupil admission number (PAN) classes has been assessed and budgeted for.
- 0318-10** The Safeguarding and Child Protection policies have already been approved, and there is safer working training on 16 May.
- 0318-11** 95% of parents attended parent evening meetings, maintaining the very high attendance rate the school enjoys.
- 0318-14** Term dates for 2019/2020 are being brought to the July meeting.
- 0318-15** Details of the school improvement plan (SIP) reviews are in the EHT's report.
- 0318-16** Details of pupil premium (PP) are in the EHT's report.

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0418-03 QUESTIONS ON EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

- Josh, Year 3, asked what happened with attendance if pupils are off sick for a while? Mrs Jagger explained it was OK to be off sick. She asked if the School Councillors knew how long they had to stay off school after being sick? They did - 48 hours to make sure they were better and didn't give their bugs to other children.
- Josh, Year 3/4., asked if it was OK to be off school to attend a *barmitzvah*? The EHT explained it had to be a balance of how important it was to attend the *barmitzvah* compared to what they are missing at school.
- Governors thanked Sagi Yehezkel for all his hard work arranging the school's model *Seder* events recently, and noted how well the school had celebrated *Yom Ha'Atzmaut*.
- Governors noted that the boys had mentioned the state of the key stage 2 (KS2) toilets whilst being given a tour by the School Council members.

0418-04 KEY UPDATES FROM COMMITTEES

Teaching & Learning

There has not been a meeting since the last full governing body. There has been some in-between meeting work around how the school is ensuring children are being stretched in their lessons, and that volunteers are helping with key areas such as spelling, punctuation and grammar, maths and more.



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Pupil Support

In addition to reviewing the Medical policy, the focus has been around behaviour and being respectful to each other. The EHT noted the need for additional space for the older boys to play in, as some EHT detentions may have been avoided had it been available. Hisham, Year 5, asked if it was right or wrong to call the head caterer Charles? He was told that he prefers to be called Mr Ross.

Limmudei Kodesh

The key focus is on Hebrew reading and making it as good as it can be. The school is obsessed with helping children to be confident readers by the end of key stage 1 (KS1) and fluent by the end of KS2.

Resources

Their focus has been budgeting for the school, with the budget for 2018/19 showing a small £10 surplus. The governors agreed this new budget and the chair signed it off.

0418-05 ITEMS TO DISCUSS FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL

- The chair of governors asked the Council members if there were any specific items they would like to report on. The Council reported that they had been to Donisthorpe Old Age Home and had met the residents, talked history with them, sang songs, ate cake and had a drink. They thought it was good for the residents to meet them, it was a great experience and they would like to do it again.
- Hannah and Charlotte, Year 5, reported on a day trip to Allerton High School, where Councillor Cohen opened the day speaking to them about democracy, and they played Human Bingo as a way to meet other people. Then they had a snack. They then took part in a shopping game, suing voting to decide what activities to spend the money on. Then they had lunch. The day closed with them having to design a house which used no electricity. It was an amazing day.

0418-06 PUPIL VOICE

For this part of the meeting, the staff team left the meeting to allow the Council and remaining governors to have a free and open discussion about the school.

- Leo, Year 2, noted that it wasn't nice changing in the KS2 boys' toilets because they are dirty, and some boys drop the soap deliberately. Rafi, Year 4, added that taps were often left running and they should be replaced with push-down taps that turn off after a short time. Governors told Leo work was being done to improve these toilets this year.
- Charlotte, Year 5, reported that the boys can see the year 6 girls changing and that the work to stop this happening was meant to be done. Governors will ask the staff team to make sure this happens straight away.



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- Evan, Year 5, noted that some of the younger boys were not being hygienic by not washing their hands and sometimes left paper in the sinks.
- Josh, Year 3, reported that the girls in his class wanted mirrors in their toilets. He also thought there should be more non-uniform days, although Hisham, Year 5, said people in his class were asking about having blazers.
- Lara, Year 6, suggested that the School Council should have a session before meetings so they could plan what they would like to talk about.
- Charlotte, Year 5 and Lara, Year 6, suggested there should be space in the planners for notes, timetables, incident and event reporting and a homework section. Leo, Year 2, said there should be space too for children to explain what happened and, if necessary, say sorry.
- Tiggi, Year 3/4 said that the School Council badges needed changing because they flop down when you pin them on your clothes.
- Rafi, Year 4, suggested that for school trips, instead of hiring a coach Brodetsky should have its own coach.

- Governors asked what the teaching is like? Sienna, Year 3/4 said it was nice and prepared. Lara, Year 6, said it was good and some children got extra help when they struggled. She said she and other children would like extra challenge too. Hisham, Year 5, suggested that when children had finished their work in school they should be allowed to play FortNite. Governors asked if the Council knew what the minimum age to play that game was? 12. The Council understood that meant they couldn't play it. Leo, Year 2, suggested that more time should be put aside for lessons to allow them to learn more.

- Governors asked if they are happy at school. A resounding yes. Josh, Year 3, said that when children fell out in the playground they sometimes wishes staff would be more help and not just say 'work it our yourselves'. Hisham, Year 5, then said he had been called a very bad name. Governors asked what he had done about this, and he said nothing yet. They asked what he thought he should do? He said he would tell Mrs Bhogal. Governors asked Council generally what they would do if someone made them sad or bullied them? Tell a teacher and, some said, their parents too, as they may know the right people to tell. They asked if they felt safe at school? A clear yes. Josh, Year 3, said the big gates helped with that.

- Governors asked how important it was that they were at a Jewish school? Siena, Year 3/4, said there were only a few Jewish schools, so it is important. Lara, Year 6, said it was good because it makes you different. They asked too if the Hebrew and Jewish Studies were good and if they helped them in Synagogue? One comment was that sometimes they repeat in lessons what they did the week before. Evan, Year 5, felt there was a need for some extra help with the basics.

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- Governors asked if they liked the enrichment classes? Josh, Year 3, really enjoys them. He does story making in his class. Leo, Year 2, wanted more time available for them. Siena, Year 3/4, said she met new people through going to the drama class. Lara, Year 6, said they were good too because they are different.
- Do you have clubs in school? Yes, but we would like more. Zara, Year 2, is in the cooking club which is good. Lara, Year 6, does netball and tournaments. Leo, Year 2, said some were so popular that not everyone could get into them. Josh, Year 3/4 is in the Ukulele club but he isn't enjoying it.
- Governors asked if they wanted more of anything in the school? Some children have smart sacks and others do not - everyone should have one. Josh, Year 3, wanted more maths time and Leo, Year 2, more shows and drama. The Council agreed there was too little sport.

0418-07 SUMMARY DISCUSSION

The staff team re-joined the meeting and the clerk ran through the points the School Council had raised. Governors thanked the Council again for being so honest and helpful in their feedback about the school, and said they would action the points they could that were raised with them.

0418-08 CHAIR'S BUSINESS

There was no additional business to report from the chair.

0418-09 CLERK'S BUSINESS

There was no additional business to report from the clerk.

0418-10 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There were no other items of business.

0418-11 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

17:30, 19 July

The chair closed the meeting at 14:45

Minute...	Action agreed	By
1610-09	The chair is continuing his meetings with governors to review effectiveness	JB
1217-08	The availability of national health data taken at start of KS1	JB
1217-11	Complete the purchase of <i>mezzuzot</i> for the school with Friends of Brodetsky	SY
0418-06	Work to be completed to shield girls when changing	EHT