

NEVILL ROAD JUNIOR SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

SUMMER TERM 2025

Date: 16 July 2025

Time: 5pm

Venue: School

1. GOVERNORS PRESENT

Mr N Kokkinis (Chair), Mrs J Cliff (Headteacher), Mrs R Hesford, Mr C Chamberlain M Tallow, J Harrop, B Pinnock

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Governors were welcomed to the meeting by the Chair. The meeting achieved quorum with 7 governors in attendance.

Apologies were received from Y Gharib and Mrs N Jordan.

2. DECLARATION OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following items were declared for discussion under AOB.

* Personnel Committees Update

* Discussion with Infant School

* Staffing

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

a) Declaration of Business Interests

* N Kokkinis governor at Nevill Road Infants.

* C Chamberlain's wife is a treasurer for the PTA at Nevill Road Infant school.

* J Harrop Director at Harfield components who provide tableware to Stockport schools.

b) Business Interest Forms

The Headteacher confirmed that completed Business Interest Forms had been received from all governors.

4. CORE BUSINESS

a) Previous Governing Board Minutes, Actions & Matters Arising

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2025, copies circulated previously, be approved and signed by the Chair and authorised for publication.

The actions from the spring term minutes were reviewed as follows:

4a(1) Governor Allowance Policy – deferred to autumn term FGB meeting.
*ALEXA Post meeting

4a (2) Named lead in young carers policy is Tanya Smith.

4b (3) Appraisal Policy & Capability Policy approved at Spring C&S meeting and ratified by FGB.

4f/g (4) 2025/26 term and inset dates APPROVED by FGB.

5a (5) Clerk to report on why LA training isn't updating on SLA (deferred)

5a(6) Clerk to share links to NGA training modules on asking challenging questions – *ALEXA Post meeting

5c (7) HT not yet sent out governor vacancy information in newsletter - ACTION Post meeting.

5d (8) Link governor visit taken place.

6(9) G Leach contacted, matter resolved.

7(10) Steering committee (SC) yet to consider this matter, rolled forward to next SC meeting -ACTION Post meeting.

7(11) Unfortunately Pupil Voice event cancelled.

9e(12) school Fund audit completed. Approved by the GB.

10(13) Fire Safety report actions COMPLETED.

b) Panel Remits for Pay Committee, Pay Appeals and HTPM to remain unchanged.

c) Pay Committee membership – N Kokkinis, R Hesford & J Harrop

HTPM Committee – N Kokkinis & R Hesford

d) No policies currently require review.

e) Revised policies have been adopted.

f)&g) Term & Inset dates agreed and published to parents.

5. BOARD STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT

a) R Hesford Development governor reported:

* SLA not working efficiently as GHub had in the past. Has been unable to track training courses completed by governors. ALEXA to be requested to advise on how to track training completed. ACTION

* GOVAS conference took place in May but understood none of our governors were able to attend.

* Urgent need to recruit more governors to the board. Suggested that it may help to recruit a parent governor if a current PG resigned then to be re-elected as a co-opted governor. Individual PGs to consider. ACTION

* Has been a challenging year for governors as a consequence of a raft of personnel matters that had to be settled. THANKS expressed to all governors who had served on various panels and committees, greatly appreciated.

b) Length of term to serve for Chair and Vice Chair to remain one year going forward.

c) Governors were advised they can express an interest in becoming Chair, Vice Chair or Committee Chairs anytime from now and up until the next GBM in autumn by informing Alexa or the current Chair.

d) Governor visit dates to be deferred to the beginning of the next academic year (September) and will be related to SDP priorities.

6. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

a) and b) noted.

7. BRIEFING PAPERS OF THE LA

* Ofsted – reported that proposed changes are still being consulted upon. Governors to receive an update at autumn term meeting. ACTION

* Oracy Project update – 12 schools involved in the project.

Governor Question – should NRJS be involved in the project. Headteacher stated that our school was already undertaking all the recommendations that have been made.

8. HEADTEACHER TERMLY REPORT

a) Curriculum subject leaders completed CPD. All subjects evaluated including pupil voice.

b) Pupil Attendance continues to be good.

c) One exclusion for one day and a half.

d) LA Safeguarding audit completed & comments submitted.

e) & f) We have no children not attending school because of anxiety.

g) Two members of staff absent at the present time.

h) No parental complaints.

Headteacher presented her report and invited questions- 82 per cent writing outcome for Yr 6 SATs, writing data showing pleasing improvement.

Governor Question- 'Bedford Materials' – a program that assesses whether resources are of the appropriate quality.

Behaviour & Attitudes – Rigorous approach to pupil attendance. Monitoring every half term. School now identifying different types of 'behaviour incidents' and ongoing monitoring of trends.

Head meeting with families in recent weeks regarding children's attendance with a view to improvement.

Reported Yr 6 SATs data excellent, best results achieved. Pleasingly well above national average. 40 per cent higher for Reading, best achieved to date.

Governors recorded CONGRATULATIONS to the children and staff on Yr 6 excellent achievement.

9. SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE

SDP updated and meeting arranged next Monday for governor information/discussion.

10. TEACHING & LEARNING

a) Committee minutes noted and adopted.

b) Appraisal & Capability policies adopted.

11. RESOURCES & BUDGET

Committee minutes adopted. Budget monitoring ongoing. Head to evaluate the PP Strategy and report to governors next term. ACTION

£1.87M spent and £200,000 to take forward. Currently balanced budget going forward.

Reported that Sports premium funding (PESSPA) approved by DFE for next academic year. Schools now required to undertake digital recording.

g) Residential Visits – this year Yr5 visited York (overnight stay.) Yr 6 visited Conway.

Plan for YR4 to visit Castleton for overnight stay next year. Governors thought this would be excellent experience for the children.

h) LA buybacks approved for next year.

i) School fund audit completed

12. PREMISES & HEALTH and SAFETY

Head reported that fire drills had taken place regularly as had the lockdown drill.

It was reported that M Tallow & N Kokkinis had accompanied T Nash (SBM) on a H&S Walk of the inside and outside of the school on the 19 June.

Reported that many works had been completed and a note was taken of minor repairs that were to be undertaken going forward.

Governors recorded their thanks to T Nash & J Gannon for their excellent work in ensuring the site meets appropriate standards.

13. PROPOSED DATES FOR MEETINGS 2025/26

Consultation ongoing.

14.AOB

a) Personnel committee update – all committees met and matters finalised appropriately. Thanks to all governors involved.

b) Discussion with infant school. – successful meeting and next steps known.

c) Staffing. Head briefed governors with regard to next term.

With no further business to discuss, the Chair thanked everyone for attending.
