Federation of Stoke Hill Schools

FGB Meeting

Thursday 26th February 2026 at 5pm at SHINS

Agenda item number	Agenda Item	Actions
1.	**Welcome, apologies** Members present Jade Earle, Emily Hearle, Jesney Toms, Jo Cook, Andy Pheasant, Katrina Mcguigan, John Harvey, Jonathon Krby, Tracy Adams, Nicky West, Yvonne Hammerton Jackson, Lorraine Edwatds Apologies received from Caitlin Searle and Lucy Welsh Declaration of Business Interests Advice given by governors at this school is incidental to their professional expertise and is not being given in their professional capacity.	
2	**Minutes of last meeting** Actions None	
3	**T & L update** Mid-year reviews currently taking place. Data collection taking place to monitor progress and help with end of year predictions KS 12 Phonics This is the only measure that is collected nationally for KS1. Teachers have been using a new training scheme in order to improve consistency of assessments. Number of children achieving scores of 24 and above are expected to be above national figures, although probably not as many as last year which was exceptional. KS2 Teacher assessments are being carried out. Yr 6 pupils are working on past papers to help identify any areas of weakness so that interventions can be put in place to help improve scores. Early indications are that numbers achieving Expected Standard or above should be above national figures. Mini report will be given to parents during the current round of parent consultations. These will include details of attendance and an effort grade. More detailed reports will be issued to parents later in the year.	
4	**Resources** • Monitor budget, report to FGB • Review any multi-year financial plans in place and assess impact of these on school improvement / development plans • SFVS – ready for end of March • PPG reports and updates • Review H&S action plan • Report on accidents/near misses/reportable incidents • Identify building maintenance and improvement needs; review Asset Management Plan • Report on fire alarms and lock down practice and procedures	

	Dashboard 5 gives the latest update. There is currently a small surplus which may increase by year end. Some payments allocated to the main fund need to be reallocated to the Capital Budget. The Capital Budget has not been used as much this year as funds were allocated for the proposed Resources base. Year 2 is showing a projected deficit of £130 000. This has been based on a projected intake of 60 into Reception in September 26. It also includes increased staffing costs resulting for changes to Pay Bands for support staff. A number of assumptions have also been made relating to staff movements including requests for flexible working which have already been made. DCC have indicated that they will allow schools to delay the submission of Budget for 26 /27 until end of June. Hopefully by then there will be more accurate information re pupil numbers and staff movements so a more accurate budget can be produced, Concerns were voiced about the deficit compounding into future years. This is not an unusual occurrence. Very few, if any, schools in Devon are able to produce a balanced budget for Year 2 onwards. This is largely due to the complex way schools are funded. Also, Devon schools historically have always received less funding per pupil than many other authorities. Pay increases are accepted nationally by unions so schools have very little say in these. Usual advice is to budget for 3% so any rises above this figure will have to be found from the budget unless extra money is provided by government. LE is now looking at other income streams, e.g. school meals. Uptake has increased but the funding for UIFSM will be less in future because of smaller numbers in KS1. Norse Cleaning contract is under review. Can anything be sone to try and increase pupil numbers? Census figures have shown a decline in the birth rate which is affecting all schools, not just Stoke Hill. Schools in the eastern part of Exeter are faring better because of a lot of new housing development that is taking place. The PAN (planned admission number) is set by the local authority. It is currently set at 90 for Stoke Hill. We have asked if it could be reduced bit these requests have been turned down. It is also quite a lengthy process which involves public consultation. We have asked for a temporary cap of 60. Part 2 DCC have said that they will provide the funds to repair the roof a SHJS. They will also pay for repairs to the ramp on SHJS. A temporary fix has been put in place but work will need to be done to sort out damp issues. A new extractor fan is required in the kitchen at SHJS. After reviewing numbers taking school meals it has been decided to install a smaller oven and new fan which will actually cost less than replacing the exiting fan. SFVS This has been completed and just needs a few amendments. It will be put into the Teams folder for governors to review so that it can be signed and submitted by the end of March. Fire Alarms Tests and drills have been carried out. Alarms are not loud enough in some parts of the buildings so repeaters will need to be installed. Some of the procedures need to	

	be tightened up, especially relating to non-staff members who might be present in the building when an alarm is sounded. Lockdown procedures went well. It was felt that communications to parents ahead of the drill were very good. RIDDOR No accidents to report JC has been into school to do a Premises check	
5	**POLICIES:** First Aid Policy Health and Safety School Emergency Management Plan Lockdown Procedure Staff Leave and Absence Policy Acceptable Behaviour Policy All policies approved	
6	**Dates of next meeting** 30th April – Teaching and Learning - SHINS	