Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Full Governing Body of Wimbledon Chase Primary School ("FGB") Wimbledon Chase Primary School, Merton Hall Road, London, SW19 3QB on Tuesday, 19 May 2026 at 18.00hrs
Meeting held virtually via Google Meet

Present:	K Ellis (Headteacher) M Fernando (Co-opted Governor) S Makepeace (Co-opted Governor) C Burnett (Co-opted Governor) J Fuller (Parent Governor) T Theodoratou (Parent Governor) F Hunter (Parent Governor) N Fleming (Chair -Parent Governor) P Nekoo-Sankey (Staff Governor) S Makepeace (LA Governor) G Asquith-Evans (Co-opted Governor)
Others in attendance:	S Dotchin – Clerk Tia Fortescue – Associate Member Donna Newell - Associate Member
Apologies:	S Ocakoglu (Parent Governor) S Furlong-Beaumont (Co-opted Governor – Vice Chair) J Hearn (Co-opted Governor) F Ockelford (Co-opted Governor)
Absence:	
Quorum:	Yes

1. OPENING/QUORUM/APOLOGIES **ACTION NUMBER**

The Committee Chair opened the meeting and declared that a quorum was present.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None identified.

3. ADHERENCE TO THE EQUALITIES STATEMENT

The Equalities policy was considered, no exceptions were identified and it was confirmed as being adhered to.

4. REVIEW OF BUDGET

TF circulated a Budget Report to Governors prior to the meeting – appendix 1.

Actual Year End: £33,738 Surplus
Main drivers for this identified as:

- Higher SEND funding
- An increase in self-funded Nursery places
- Increased funding from Universal Free School Meals
- Higher than anticipated numbers in wrap around provision numbers

Committee Chair shared information that the School Business Committee have rigorously reviewed the budget and clarified that:

The 2025 -2026 budget closed with a surplus. The SBC met and authorised that the Local Authority should be notified that the school would be setting a deficit budget.

2026 -207 proposed Budget

- Deficit budget: £91,972
- The budget includes a planned deficit of £91,972. Approval will be sought from the Local Authority under its licensed deficit arrangements.

Main Financial Pressures

- ARP funding – this is impacting all schools with this provision and has been discussed with the Local authority
- Staffing Costs – KE has undertaken significant staffing reviews to minimise financial pressures

2/3-year budget 2027-2029

- SBC reviewed and challenged the 3-year budget which has an aim of returning to a surplus budget position by the end of Year 3.
- The committee discussed the opportunity to develop a 2-year-old Nursery provision, TF said that there is demand for this and that another school in Merton is providing this.
- Potential replacement of some senior staff with a more cost-effective model, as staffing changes.

Capital Budget

- £10,000 – school contribution to capital works
- £21,000 – wheelchair lift
- £42, 000 – soundproofing installation to Forest Rooms and Courtyard Room, Canopy Installation to ARP play area, Site Manger's bathroom

Chair said that the budget is presented to the FGB with the recommendation that it should be approved. The Full Governing Body approved the budgets for submission to the Local Authority.

5. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

None declared

6. AOB

None

7. MEETING CLOSE

There being no more areas for discussion, chair closed the meeting at 6.45pm

Date of next meeting TBC in next academic year dates list

CHAIR - SIGNATURE……..

CHAIR - NAME……..

DATE: ……

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