



BUDEHAVEN
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Dominic Wilkes BSc (Hons) NPQH

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One and all

Minutes of FGB held Tuesday 7th July 2026 @4.15pm

Venue: Haven and remote

FGB members present: Mrs Jane Briggs (JB), Mr B Millar (BM), Ms Sarah Petchey (SP), Mr Dom Wilkes (DVW)

FGB members on remote. Mrs Laura Ghaboos (LG), Mrs Esther Stacey (ES (Vice Chair)),

Apologies: Mrs Michele Bacchus (MSB (SBM)), Mrs Laura Mead (LM), Andrew Mould (AM), Mrs Michaela Pay (MP (Chair)), Mrs Frances Perkin (FP), Mrs Hetty Thompson (HT),

In Attendance: Mrs Clare Brown (CLB (CLERK)), Mrs Katy Quick (KQ (Business Manager))

Due to low numbers and not being quorate, SLT were not in attendance.

- DVW asked Governors to send in any questions to SLT regarding their presentations to CLB for distribution.
- SLT would give a full update in September

DVW introduced KQ as our new part time (3/5) Business Manager

Item	Discussion	outcome
1. Apologies and welcomes	a. Apologies as above	Received and accepted
2. Declaration of Pecuniary and/or Professional Interest	a. Governors reminded to declare pecuniary interests considering the agenda or as soon as it becomes apparent that one exists as discussions progress	DVW, ES and SP declared a professional interest.
3. Attendance and Safeguarding from Jim Francis	Presentation on Governor Hub	Questions to be emailed to CLB and shared with JAF
4. Quality of Education - Katie Kerr	Presentation on Governor Hub	Questions to be emailed to CLB and shared with JCG
5. Communication, Community, Culture and Character report - Amy Feldwick	Presentation on Governor Hub	Questions to be emailed to CLB and shared with RLN
6. Standards and Performance Report - James Grill	Presentation on Governor Hub	Questions to be emailed to CLB and shared with HG
7. Health and Safety update	Nothing to add to report shared with FSPC the previous week	
8. Headteacher's report	Report on Governor Hub. Points of note:- a. Lots of changes and challenges as move into 2026-27	

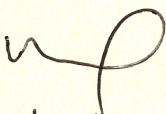
HG = Helen Green (SENDCo) ESW = Education SW SIP = School Improvement Partner	b. Key changes i. Ofsted Inspection reform • Following death of Ruth Perry (Headteacher who took her own life after her schools Ofsted judgement) the single judgment has been replaced • The four judgments have been replaced with five with the middle one (expected) being higher than the previous 'good'. • School is evaluated over a wider range of areas and judgement based on a 'secure fit' rather than the previous 'best fit' model • If you miss one area, than overall judgment is downgraded • NAHT unsuccessfully sued Ofsted and appeal was also unsuccessful • <i>SP felt that as the visit is not due until May 2028 there is time to get new things in place and tweak if necessary.</i> • DVW explained that Yr10 attendance is poor and it will be their exam results that we will be judged against. There are 14 severely absent students in Year 10 who we never see. • <i>BM stated that he felt DVW was on top of a lot that he will be required to do, and a good way to solve any problems.</i> ii. Attendance • We have been identified as a RISE school (DfE directive) for attendance/behaviour • Participation is optional but when Ofsted arrive and ask what we have done to improve attendance we can confirm that we are working with RISE iii. SEND White paper • Not fully legislated to date • Big focus on main-stream inclusion (in the classroom) and HG presented on this to all staff recently • Governors discussed the pros and cons of this focus • DVW added that teacher's SEND training/skills are not where they should be on a national level • The Base. DVW explained that this is where SEND students used to migrate when they are not able to cope in the classroom. This will no longer be possible as teachers are the specialists and students receive a better quality of education by staying in the classroom. • Classroom observations • <i>KQ asked what support was there for school regarding subject specialists. DVW confirmed that we have bought into support from ESW. Our SIP also gives support as well as looking to recruit strong subject specialists to fill any vacancies</i>	DVW explained that Ofsted look at three-year trends, so you only have 2 years to try new things before you must agree on the focus and move. See confidential minutes See confidential minutes See confidential minutes
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USIP = Urgent School Improvement Plan	iv. Point 3. The future school system • This needs to be on our radar as all schools need to be part of a strong Trust but no fixed deadline announced (previously this was by 2030) • Currently collaborating on School Improvement with ESW (school visits, SEND review) through a Management Partnership which has proved to be very effective and good value for money • BM asked if ESW are like minded - DVW confirmed yes ➤ Governors asked if ESW benefited from the partnership as well. DVW confirmed yes. ➤ DVW confirmed that we have aligned one of our INSET days to coincide with ESW so departments can collaborate with other schools (outward facing) v. Mobile phones • As from September 2026 we will be mobile-free environment • Governors asked if phone pockets will be purchased? DVW stated that he had visited a school who had just spent 11K on phone pockets (£11 each), but students can purchase 'magnet un-lockers' for £1.50 each so not suitable. • DVW confirmed we will be instructing that they need to be kept in their bags and not on them personally. • If seen, they will be seized and parents will have to come and collect after school. For repeated breaches the return will be delayed • Governors asked if all the staff were behind this. DVW confirmed yes • Governors agreed that students need to respect the school and keep phones in their bags or leave at home. • Mobile Policy previously shared on Governor Hub c. USIP with July updates i. FGB agreed very informative ii. DVW looking at: • Scanning the horizon • What will be involved • Where we are d. Staffing update	See confidential minutes See confidential minutes DVW asked FGB to read reviews FGB agreed costly and not effective Governors agreed so have phone on them but only use out of school hours (Parents still have means of contacting them) Ratified by FGB FGB agreed this to be the format going forward KQ left the meeting See confidential minutes
9. Correspondence	a. Staff requests to amend hours b. Staff absence request	See confidential minutes See confidential minutes
10. Minutes of meeting held on 31.03.2026 and matters arising.	a. Part one minutes having been circulated were approved and signed as a true record. • Matters arising from the minutes. ➤ Point 11. Correspondence. Governors asked for an update on the school trips	Minutes signed. See confidential minutes

	➤ Point 5. Year 12 and 13 Data. Governors asked what support was in place to increase update in subjects such science and music ➤ Behaviour. Claire Braund and Gemma Wilderspin will do a full update on the trial in September b. Part two minutes having been circulated were approved and signed as a true record. No matters arising from the minutes.	See confidential minutes Minutes signed.
11. Reports from Committees	a. FSPC. ES (Chair of FSPC) had left the meeting but confirmed nothing to report. Everything discussed has been covered by the FGB agenda b. SISC. Nothing to report as all updated during FGB	See confidential minutes
12. Report from the Chair	none	
13. Date of next meeting	22.09.2026	

Meeting finished at 6.20pm

Signed:



(Chair of FGB)

Date:

16/9/26