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Minutes FGB Meeting 07.05.2025

Present - Ceri Littlewood, Lyn Walters, Barrie Lewis, Lowri George, Janine Burr, Rachel Evans, Martin Smidman, Sara Peters, Heather Holder, Nerys Sales, Page Baldwin.

Apologies - Ian Williams, Jack Short, Amanda Moore.

Non attenders - James Lewis, Angela Minton, Ros Whitelock.

2. Agree minutes from the FGB Meeting 19.03.2025

• For Information	• To be Actioned
Draft minutes for the FGB meeting held on 19.03.2025	• Postponed to the FGB meeting on 11th June 2025.

3. Matters Arising

• For Information	• To be Actioned
• None	

4. Staffing Update

• For Information	• To be Actioned
• Moved to Private and Confidential	

5. Budget Update

• For Information	• To be Actioned
Delegated Budget £1,604,342 Estimated Income £ 400,716 Estimated Carryover £ 146,000 Total £2,151,058 Estimated Expenditure £2,168,189 Estimated Balance -£ 17,131 The school has worked hard to reduce the planned deficit as much as possible, however the school is still in a deficit for the next school year, the deficit is -1.07% and we will continue to work to reduce this figure where possible. Staffing has been reduced where possible and many of the cost centre budgets have been reduced, income has been estimated	• Agreed

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at a realistic value and we are hopeful this will be the worst case scenario. Grant funding is much lower this year due to a change in PDG allocation and this has seriously reduced our ability to balance the budget. However, the school has been fortunate to receive a community grant which has provided some additional income.

Discussion was held as many governors were uncomfortable with agreeing a deficit budget however acknowledgement was given that the school had worked hard to stay out of a deficit for so long, when the majority of BCBC schools are already in a deficit.

Governors concluded that in order to continue to offer the education expected in its current format and to avoid losing a teacher in nursery or moving to mixed classes, the only option was to agree to the budget.

Ceri Littlewood thanked Addell for all the work involved in putting together the final draft.

8. Correspondence

• For Information	• To be Actioned
• None	

9 AOB

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• None	

Signed -

Date-

09/07/25

Damian Faulkner Chair of Governors

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