



# Aston Rowant C of E Primary School

Head Teacher: Mrs Helen France

## Minutes of Aston Rowant CE Primary School Full Governing Body Meeting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 6p.m. at Aston Rowant CE Primary School

	<p><b>Present:</b></p> <p>Steve Taylor (ST) <i>Chair</i>          Helen France Head Teacher(HF)          Claire Rogan Chair (CR)          Alan Melady (AM)</p> <p>Rev Des Foote (DF)          Sheila Reynolds (SR)          Georgina McCleary (GMc)          Karen Bennett (KB)          Tom Sowerby (TS)</p>	
1	<b>Welcome, Apologies, Absences, Quorum</b>	<b>Action</b>
	The meeting was quorate.	
2	<b>Aims and Objectives</b>	
	<p>The aim of this strategy meeting to develop vision and values for the school, including six values, strap line and vision statement including a Bible quote to clearly demonstrate our distinctly Christian core ethos. Other stakeholders including pupils, parents and staff had already been consulted and their opinions gathered and recorded by HF. These were not shared with FGB prior to their discussions to ensure the thoughts of the FGB were independent of others.</p> <p>Other stakeholders had been encouraged to each complete a 'diamond nine' to indicate their preference and priorities of values. They had 34 values to choose from, these values having been suggested and chosen by the pupils. It is possible to combine two or more values in one box within the diamond.</p>	
3	<b>FGB Diamond Nine &amp; Values</b>	
	<p>Governors grouped some of the 34 values together to create a list of 20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generosity &amp; Giving</li> <li>• <b>Awe &amp; Wisdom</b></li> <li>• <b>Trust &amp; Respect</b></li> <li>• Helpfulness</li> <li>• Joy</li> <li>• Grace</li> <li>• Service</li> <li>• Obedience &amp; Discipline</li> <li>• <b>Hope</b></li> <li>• <b>Harmony (incl. Peace, Kindness, Justice, Forgiveness &amp; Fairness)</b></li> <li>• <b>Truth &amp; Honesty</b></li> <li>• <b>Faith</b></li> <li>• <b>Resilience, Determination, Bravery &amp; Courage</b></li> <li>• Thankfulness</li> <li>• <b>Creativity</b></li> <li>• <b>Love &amp; Friendship</b></li> <li>• Encouragement</li> <li>• Gentleness</li> <li>• Loyalty</li> <li>• Humility</li> </ul>	

Following discussion and voting the **bold** items above were chosen to construct the FGB diamond nine:



HF then shared the results from the other stakeholders to establish some common themes. There was a lot of similar priorities and responses. Following discussion of all responses six values were selected:

Courage & Bravery; Thankfulness; Awe & Wisdom; Faith & Trust; Giving, Love & Compassion; Friendship & Teamwork.

HF said that she would like to consider changing the school logo to a version of the current PTA logo. This is a hand, developing into a tree with the words 'Growing Together'. All agreed this would be a positive move. **ACTION HF** – to secure authorisation to use the PTA logo from the creator including checking any copyright issues. This would mean that the six selected values could produce the word GROWTH:

- G**ratitute (Thankfulness)
- R**esilience (Courage Bravery)
- O**utreach (Giving, Love, Compassion)
- W**onder (Awe, Wisdom)
- T**ruth (Faith, Trust)
- H**armony (Friendship, teamwork)

These can then link to SIAMS and British Values as follows:

<b>Aston Rowant Value</b>	<b>SIAMS</b>	<b>British Value</b>
GRATITUDE (Thankfulness)	God Father	Respect
RESILIANCE (Courage Bravery)	Holy Spirit	Liberty
OUTREACH (Giving, Love, Compassion)	Jesus the Son	Respect
WONDER (Awe, Wisdom)	God Father	Liberty
TRUTH (Faith, Trust)	Jesus the Son	Tolerance, Law
HARMONY (Friendship, teamwork)	Holy Spirit	Respect, Democracy

It was agreed that 'Outreach' was not particularly liked but no alternative could immediately be found. **ACTION ALL** – to consider alternatives to Outreach and bring to next Strategy FGB.

**HF**

**ALL**

4	<b>Vision Statement and Bible quote</b>	
	<p>A lengthy discussion was had over the Vision Statement and HF had sourced some from other local schools which were shared. It was agreed that it should read well as a sentence rather than simply be a collection of buzz words. It was also agreed that a shorter, punchier statement probably had more impact and was easier to remember and reference to than a longer one. Finding a good, relevant and appropriate Bible quote was more important than trying to get one that fitted within the Statement. For this reason and given the importance of the Bible quote to the FGB and the school it was agreed to have a quote separate to the Vision Statement itself. The Bible quote (1 Timothy 4:15) is from the English Standard Version. The final agreed Statement and quote is:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Growing together we inspire each other to achieve our full potential as courageous lifelong learners.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i><b>‘Practise these things, immerse yourself in them so that all may see your progress’ (1 Timothy 4:15)</b></i></p>	
5	<b>SWOT analysis</b>	
	<p>It was agreed to do a SWOT analysis although this should be done at a separate meeting. CR offered to collate governor responses ahead of the next meeting. <b>ACTION ALL</b> – please email 3 targets/aims/signs of success for the school to Claire by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.</p>	<b>CR / ALL</b>
6	<b>Date and time of next FGB meeting</b>	
	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 1800hrs	