

Resource, Premises and Compliance Committee role

The Resource, Premises and Compliance Committee (RPC) supports the Full Governing Body by monitoring and reporting how the school is performing against the budget requirements. In May/June we worked with school to set the budget for the 22/23 Financial year. The budget is set based on the funding certificate supplied to us by Wiltshire Local Education Authority and by reviewing financial benchmark information against other local schools. We meet every term with the Head and the Business Manager to review actual spend versus the budget and understand how any variances are being addressed. Monthly we receive budget monitoring reports and Breakfast Club attendance figures to ensure we are kept informed of how the school is performing on a regular basis.

It is also within the RPC remit to ensure value for money is being achieved for all our pupils and to support the school by analysing any capital spend projects against the School Improvement Plan and the Governing body 1/3/5-year strategic plan.

Over the last year the RPC has also been heavily involved in some capital projects as expertise within the committee has been called upon to work with school leads to bring some specific projects to completion. The most notable being the upgrade of the IT Infrastructure bringing the school's network quality up to the level befitting a school of our achievements.

Future projects the RPC is supporting, are the development of the STEM lab, continued upgrades of the school lighting and the redevelopment of the Forest School area.

RPC supports the school and ensures the Full Governing Body are kept abreast of the Health & Safety within school by performing termly Health & Safety walks; these walks use a standard checklist but are rotated between RPC members to ensure the same points are being checked each term but by a fresh pair of eyes, we also conduct the annual premises Risk Assessment. Critical H&S issues can be addressed promptly. H & S is a standing agenda item on our committee meetings with updates provided by the school H & S lead.

Like the other committees with discharged responsibilities, RPC supports the welfare of the SLT, Head, administration staff and the whole of Team AK. The committee also have the role of providing financial approval when a spend is required to assist additional operational activities when agreed thresholds are reached. RPC are responsible for assessing any additional spend requirements and ensuring the school has considered all options when making the request, this ensures best value. If approved, this can then either be reported to the FGB for financial visibility or providing FGB with the information they require to give approval.

Sam Crawford – RP&C Chair