**Liverpool Governors’ Forum**

Draft minutes of committee meeting held on Tuesday 13th January 2015

Present: Frank McFarlane (Vice Chair), Angela Fulton (Hon. Treas), Cliff Barton, Dave Cadwallader, Cynthia Carmichael, Andy Chadwick, Lea Cranny, Mary Donohue, Clive Jervis, Henry Mooney, John Rafferty, Barbara Sinclair, Pauline Warrington, Joe Hartley (Clerk), and visitors David Blythe and Raymond Peel.

**1 Apologies:**  Kathy Desmond, Jeanette Murphy, Avril O’Brien, Maggie Willett

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| **Action**  Anyone holding cheques from LGF should wait to hear from the Hon. Treasurer before presenting them  Volunteer still needed  Clerk to consult website manager about the modification of the LGF logo for the purposes of the Twitter account |

In the absence of Kathy Desmond, Frank McFarlane chaired the meeting

**2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests**

No change.

**3 Minutes of December meeting**

Approved

**4 Matters Arising**

None

**5 Membership and Finance**

The accounts folder was found shortly after the AGM. Unfortunately, despite assuring the Hon. Treasurer that they would lift the stop she had placed on the account when the folder was mislaid, the bank failed to do so. The cheque issued to Kathy Desmond for the prizes for the book review competition was therefore stopped and will have to be represented when the bank has followed instructions.

Current balance £3,656.70

As the year’s accounts could not be approved at the AGM, the committee, after discussion, agreed to approve the annual report at the present meeting and then post it on the website for the scrutiny of all members.

LGF subscriptions for the current year have not yet been received from the Head Teacher Associations.

**6 Possible Election of new Honorary Secretary**

As no volunteer was forthcoming this item will appear on the agenda of the next meeting.

**7 Twitter Account**

The Working group for Twitter and website met earlier this month, and recommended the setting up of a Twitter account. Lea Cranny has undertaken to do this and the account will be monitored by her and Avril O’Brien who are both experienced tweeters. A protocol will be established for the use of the account to ensure that anything tweeted in the name of LGF is appropriate for the organisation. Lea Cranny was approved as moderator of the Twitter account and agreed to accept this role.

A new logo, incorporating the Liver bird, will be designed for the account.

**8 Liverpool Learning Partnership**

There has been much discussion in LLP of the City of Readers project. There is a proposal to set up a bank of teachers for schools to use which would be cheaper than using agencies. As the IT contract with LDL is shortly coming to an end there is discussion about finding a new broadband provider who would be able to accommodate schools’ needs.

There has been discussion of seeking charity status for LLP.

Following successful work in literacy, LLP is anxious to tackle numeracy, possibly making an appointment to oversee a project. PW attended a working group on numeracy. They are looking for a director to be appointed at the next meeting.

**9 Liverpool Schools Forum**

CB reported that we have seven governor representatives: four primary, two secondary, and one special. CB and AC attended the last meeting, but it was embarrassing that other governor representatives were not present. All the head teacher representatives attended.

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CB reminded the committee that it is permitted to send alternate representatives if necessary.

He proposed that Ray Peel, present at today’s meeting as an observer, should be the alternate secondary governor representative. Ray was invited to introduce himself to the committee, and briefly described his naval experience, his time as a police officer, his biblical and theological studies, and his present work as a Baptist minister. The proposal was accepted, nem.con.

At their December meeting, LSF received a report on schools holding budget surpluses, but as all had appropriate spending plans in place, there will be no clawback.

In addition, at that meeting it was agreed that the dedelegation should be the same as for the last two years apart from trade union facility time, which was deferred to the next meeting.  There was discussion on various matters relating to this.

JR pointed out that as an alternate primary representative he was perfectly willing to attend LSF meetings but needed to be informed when this was required. CB said it was the duty of each representative to arrange for his/her replacement.

**10 Website and Message Board**

There was concern expressed in the working group that the message board was not being used and that the website was not visited as frequently as we would like, but the decision was made that the website should be maintained.

**11 NGA**

CC informed members that the NGA regional meeting would be on11th March and that booking now had to be done on an individual basis.

**12 Dates and venues of future meetings**

Tuesday 13th January

Tuesday 24th February All at the Broughton Hall Centre,

Tuesday 24th March Yew Tree Lane, West Derby.

Tuesday 21st April L12 9HJ at 10:00 am with the

Tuesday 19th May exception of the May meeting

FM offered to provide a venue for the May meeting. An alternative date for the meeting will be discussed in February.