**Liverpool Governors' Forum**

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 20th March 2012

**Present:** Joe Hartley (Chair), Cynthia Carmichael-CMC (Secretary), Nick King-NK(Vice-Chair), Angela Fulton-AF (Treasurer), Frank McFarlane-FM, Dave Cadwallader-DC, Cliff Barton-CB, Kathy Desmond-KD, Clive Jervis-CJ, Jeanette Murphy-JM, Frank Longworth, Margaret Cummings.

**1 Apologies:** Andy Chadwick, Frank Hilliard, Sue Griffiths

**The Chair** welcomed Frank Longworth from Calderstones and Margaret Cummings from Childwall Sports College.

**2 Declaration of financial interest**

 No change

**3 Minutes of meeting** held in February: suggested bullet points and some other amendments

 before approval.

**4 Matters arising**

 None

**5 Finance and membership**

 AF Reported that ten more schools had paid their subscriptions making twenty-six, ten of them

 renewals.

 There was £1,752-15 in the bank before expenses are paid.

 *Suggested that the date of next meeting should be included with the receipt*.

 It was agreed that *DC would print membership invoices to be distributed at the meeting that*

 *evening, at Chairs termly meeting and at training sessions.*

**6 The NGA North Western Regional Meeting** had been attended the previous evening by JH,

 KD and CMC.

 Gillian Alcroft from NGA had given an update on the 2012 Education Act .

 It was suggested that *the report should be put on the website*

 Discussions had taken place on activities taking place in all the regions.

 There had been discussion on relationship between Heads and Chairs of Governors. It was

 agreed that all meetings between head teacher and chair should be reported back to the full

 governing body except when a problem would need untainted governors on an appeals panel.

 As with some small schools there is a problem with finding sufficient untainted governors to sit

 on disciplinary and appeals it was recommended that a collaborative arrangement should be

 made with another GB before such a situation arose and the agreement should be formally

 passed by the whole governing body.

 In view of new OFSTED framework it is important that the Chair checks that all challenges to

 data and results should appear in the GB minutes.

 Concern expressed about governor availability when inspectors arrive without notice in the

 future.

 It had been a worthwhile event.

**7 Meeting with Chair of City Council, Cabinet Member for Education and Acting Director of**

 **Children’s’ Services**

 This meeting will explain the new Liverpool Schools partnership.

 There should be equal representation of Heads and Governors on the Working Party

 There had been a fairly good response to the invitation but DC said that from previous

 experience many more would probably attend without notice.

**8 LSF Update**

 KD and CB are concerned about governors not having equal representation on LSF committees.

 This will be raised at their AGM

 NGA had recommended that LGF should go straight to the Secretary of State as present situation

 is illegal.

 *JH to send warning letter to Chair with copy to Michael Jones from Community Services.*

 Finance

 As yet no changes to the budget formula.

 Still the problem of back dated equal pay awards.

 A new parliamentary bill is coming.

 It is a very complex formula, and there are more meetings for the sub group.

 a) Information from the DfE FOR 2013-14 still not available.

b) In principle the funding should meet the needs of all the young people in the City .

c) The Government states that resources should be targeted on raising achievement.

 CB reported that to date there are only two governors on the subcommittee so they are very much

 outnumbered by the Heads .He felt that the governors should have the right to appoint their own

 representatives on each subcommittee

 JM had requested membership of a subcommittee but the Chair of LSF had not given his

 permission.

 AC sent a report that they are trying to establish a PFI funding group but he had had little

 response to his invitation. CJ expressed his interest.

**8 Website**

 Improvement in unwanted postings, but problem with access to Message Board giving hundreds

 of unwanted and irrelevant postings but not from LGF.

**9 Expenses**

 Expenses for travel by Chair, Secretary and KD to NGA NW regional meeting at Preston on day

 before committee meeting came to £36.80.

**10**  **Dates of future meetings**

 Tuesday, 17th.April, 2012

 .Tuesday, 15th.May, 2012

 Tuesday, 12th.June, 2012

 Tuesday, 10th.July, 2012