**Liverpool Governors’ Forum**

Draft minutes of committee meeting held on Tuesday 14th October 2014

Present: Frank McFarlane (Vice Chair), Cynthia Carmichael (Hon. Sec), Angela Fulton (Hon. Treas), Cliff Barton, Dave Cadwallader, Mary Donohue, Nick King, Henry Mooney, Avril O’Brien, John Rafferty, Barbara Sinclair, Joe Hartley (Clerk),

**1 Apologies:**  Kathy Desmond (Chair), Jeanette Murphy, Maggie Willett,

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| **Action**  FM to contact speakers and KD  CC to forward agenda to HM;  JH to forward minutes |

**2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests**

No Change

**3 Minutes of September meeting**

Approved

**4 Matters Arising**

None

**5 Membership and Finance**

Bank balance stands at £3755.70

No membership fees have been received yet. We will receive fees from LPHA in January as that is when their financial year begins. The Special school and the Community College will be joining this year.

**6 Twitter Account**

Lea Cranny was not present so this item has been postponed.

**7 AGM planning and advertising**

In the absence of the Chair there was some uncertainty about how far planning had progressed. FM will contact the speakers to see if they have been briefed, and will contact KD on her return.

HM volunteered to print the AGM Agenda and minutes of last AGM if they are sent to him two weeks in advance.

There was some discussion about publicity for the AGM. DC said that Terry Brown would send an email to governors. It would be necessary to update the text for this to include the names of our guest speakers and the titles if their talks.

Elections for officers and committee were discussed. CB raised the question of our need for a new Hon. Sec., but it was pointed out that a decision had been made at the September meeting not to replace the Hon. Sec. on CC’s retirement from the post.

**8 Liverpool Learning Partnership**

FM attended the All Learners strategic group. The City of Readers project is progressing well. The LLP wishes to make a similar appointment for numeracy. It was stressed that this would be a numeracy, not a maths appointment. A small working party is to be set up for this purpose. Andy Chadwick has volunteered to represent LGF on this group. The committee formally approved this.

DC informed the meeting that LLP proposes to increase LGF representation on the executive body of LLP from one to two. There was some discussion as to how this representative should be chosen, but as our present representative is an ex officio appointment (the Chair of LGF) it was thought that the second representative should also be an ex officio appointment.

**9 Report from LSF**

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| Volunteer needed  KD to reconvene website working group  Attendees needed for NGA annual conference |

There has been no meeting of the full Forum since June.  There will be a meeting shortly but the agenda has not yet been published.

The funding sub-group met on Wednesday 1st October.  This group is one secondary governor representative short. It meets around five times a year for about two hours and deals with school funding.   
For 2015-16 it has been decided to continue with the same funding model as the current year to minimise disruption.   
The DfE has explained changes to funding to combat perceived unfairness.  The Minimum Funding Level is still in place: No school’s funding can drop by more than 1.5% on pupil basis.  Extra funding will be available to the least fairly-treated authorities.

Mark Rea who was elected as governor representative on LSF at LGF’s 2013 AGM has attended LSF but not LGF committee meetings.  A secondary governor is needed on the funding sub-group.

In the spring/summer of 2015 the DfE should be consulting LAs on funding for 2016-17, but this will be after the general election.

**10 Website**

There was some discussion of the underuse of the website. Should there be an LGF Facebook page? It was decided to reconvene the Website working group to discuss the options.

**11 NGA**

Unfortunately, the NW regional conference was fully booked by the time the Hon. Sec. received the information so no member of LGF was able to attend. Volunteers were called for to attend the NGA annual conference in Birmingham.

**12 Dates and venues of future meetings**

Tuesday 11th November (AGM) at 6:30 pm in the People’s Lounge, Everton FC, Goodison Park

Tuesday 2nd December

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

Tuesday 19th May