**Liverpool Governors’ Forum**

Draft minutes of committee meeting held on Tuesday 2nd December 2014

Present: Kathy Desmond (Chair), Angela Fulton (Hon. Treas), Cliff Barton, Dave Cadwallader, Cynthia Carmichael, Andy Chadwick, Mary Donohue, Henry Mooney, Avril O’Brien, John Rafferty, Mark Rea, Barbara Sinclair, Pauline Warrington, Maggie Willett, Joe Hartley (Clerk),

**1 Apologies:**  Frank McFarlane (Vice Chair), Jeanette Murphy,

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| **Action**Date in January to be decided for working group meeting (KD)Volunteer needed |

**2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests**

Annual forms were signed by all present.

**3 Minutes of October meeting**

Approved

**4 Matters Arising**

A secondary representative of LGF is needed on the LSF finance sub-group. A candidate has been suggested.

The Website working group is to be reconvened to consider the website and Twitter account.

**5 Membership and Finance**

This item had to be passed over as the accounts folder was not available.

Bank balance stands at £3656.70

**6 How to thank long-serving members** (with particular reference to Nick King who served on the committee from November 2006 to November 2014). A card,

gift, (£50 gift voucher), and a note in Governors’ News decided upon.

**7 The post of Honorary Secretary**

At the AGM, the committee’s decision to discontinue this post was discussed and reversed. Committee members were asked to consider volunteering for this post.

**8 Twitter Account**

Lea Cranny was not present so this item has again been postponed. AO said that a protocol for the use of any such account would have to be drawn up: members would not be able to tweet at will without consultation.

**9 AGM: feedback and assessment**

It was agreed that both speakers were excellent, as was the venue. The Everton staff were very welcoming and helpful. The level of attendance was acceptable.

The City of Readers project has had a big impact but on a small number of pupils. CC reported that Beacon school had achieved a gold award. At present focussed on schools that need it most. Others will have to wait to be involved in the second tranche. It was confirmed that the present committee members were all re-elected and that there had been no new nominations.

**10 Liverpool Learning Partnership**

Schools are being asked to renew their subscriptions. It is still £3 per pupil. It was remarked that this is good value for pupil tracking alone.

LLP may set up a Free School

LLP is is to consider the possibility that KIND, a charity which helps disadvantaged children, may set up a Free School. Kind’s website is http://kind.org.uk

**11 Liverpool Schools Forum**

Meeting next week. CB drew attebtion to the consultation concerning SEND,

 details of which can be found at  <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/funding-for-children-and-young-people-with-send>

New funding decisions are likely to be made after the general election.

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| Possibility of need for alternative venue for May, and certainly for June and July |

**12 Website and Message Board**

This item had been dealt with under matters arising

**13 NGA**

Attention was drawn to the change from a monthly to a termly Bulletin.

**14 Minutes of AGM**

These have been approved by the committee, but will require formal approval at next year;s AGM

**15 Representation on various Educational Committees**

Executive committee of LLP: KD and FM with MD as substitute.

All Learners Sub-group: KD, AC, David Holmes

Learners who need More: LC (resigning), JM, vacancy for secondary governor.

Liverpool Schools Forum: CB, MD, AC, JM, MR, BS,

LSF Sub-groups: Funding group: CB; PFI group: AC; Scrutiny group: AC; Schools Capital Investment Group: AC

There have been four nominations for three places for parent governors on the Educatiuon Select Committee

**16 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 possible exception of the May meeting