

Chair's Report AGM 10.7.19

Dear Colleague,

This has been a year dominated by serious concerns about school finance. ASGB has played its part in raising these concerns with our local MP's, writing to all four of the West Bromwich/Rowley Regis members of Parliament to ask for their support.

We followed this up with a meeting with Adrian Bailey MP at a meeting on 21st June in which we were able to discuss the impact on schools and to demonstrate how all but 11 schools in Sandwell have projected deficit budgets by 2021/22. We have already discussed how we can continue to put pressure on the Government via Adrian Bailey MP by giving him real examples of the measures schools have taken and are planning to take due to lack of funding. Please help if you can.

During the year, ASGB has continued to be the voice for governance in Sandwell, supporting its members, holding regular meetings and inviting speakers to share information. Some of the topics we have covered:

- Governance Updates from Craig Felton
- Horizon Briefings from Chris Ward
- Budget Consultation
- Pupil Premium Grant
- Complaints Policy
- Benefits of Trainee Teachers in School
- Staff and Student Well Being
- Workload Reduction in School
- Sandwell Leisure Trust Residential Centres

In addition and in response to governor feedback, we have also encouraged more discussion on subjects that are important to members during our meetings.

ASGB has co-ordinated the Leading Governance; Chairs Development Programme through NGA and a number of Sandwell chairs are attending.

We continue to be the role model to emulate by other associations, as mentioned a number of times at national and regional conferences.

Our website is finally up and running but needs content! Please make use of the website: www.asgb.org.uk, share good practice, ideas, suggestions and feedback.

May I remind you to complete the members' survey? We are here to support you but we need your input to tell us how best we can do this.

My thanks to all members of the Executive Committee and all our members in Sandwell schools, for your support throughout the year.

Bob Patel MBE

