

**Joint Meeting of the Association of Sandwell Governing Bodies
(ASGB) and Chairs' Fourm held on 17th January 2018 at 6.15pm at
Guardian House, West Bromwich**

Present:

Mr S Somerfield – Holyhead Primary and ASGB Executive
Mr B Byatt – The Meadows Sports College and ASGB Executive
Mrs P Brown – Grove Vale Primary and ASGB Executive
Mrs Sally Harvey – Oldbury Academy of Sport and ASGB Executive
Mrs Lynn Howard – Lyng Primary, Hampstead Jnr, Newtown and ASGB Executive
Mrs J Poxon – Joseph Turner Primary and ASGB Executive
Mrs J Dean – Sandwell Community School
Mr S Hussain – Ormiston Forge Academy and Acting Chair ASGB
Mr P Piddock – St Mary's RC Primary
Mrs E Benbow – Moorlands Primary and ASGB Executive
Mrs L Thomas – St. Paul's CofE Primary
Mrs K Amos – Rowley Hall Primary
Mrs Hazel Bloxham – Holy Trinity Primary
Mr S Walters – Glebefields Primary
Mrs T Bate – Brandhall Primary
Mrs J Hunt – Tameside Primary
Mrs P Meredith – Tipton Green Primary
Mr T Fowler – St. Margaret's and Eaton Valley Primary
Mr GS Josan – Devonshire Infant and Junior

Apologies

Mrs Mary Parkes – Whiteheath Education Centre
Ms Elaine Cogzell – Oldbury Academy
Mrs H Massey – Moat Farm Junior Trust
Mrs Sharon Palmer – Silvertrees Primary
Mr B Patel MBE – Great Bridge Primary and ASGB Executive
Mrs S Palmer – Silvertrees Primary
Mr J McBride – Sandwell Community School

In Attendance

Lynne Foster - Support Officer ASGB
Mr Chris Ward – Director Education, Skills and Employment

01/18 Welcome and Apologies

In the absence of Mr Bob Patel MBE, Chair of ASGB, Mr Steve Somerfield Vice-Chair, welcomed guests and members to the meeting and thanked them for attending. The Support Officer confirmed receipt of apologies and it was **Resolved** that apologies as received by the Support Officer and noted above be accepted.

02/18 Declarations of Interest

The Chair enquired whether any member had any direct, indirect or pecuniary interest in the business to be discussed. There were no declarations of interest.

03/18 Chairs' Forum – Chris Ward, Director Education, Skills and Employment

Mr Ward delivered the Horizon Presentation (Appendix 1 attached). Additional notes, comments and questions had been added to the bottom of each slide, clearly identified as ASGB notes.

04/18 Update from Craig Felton, Director Governance SIPS

Mr Felton told members about the free/subsidised governor training being offered by the DfE under licence to various providers. Training was for chairs, clerks and the governing board and predominately on-line although some might be face-to-face.

Entrust had already embarked on a marketing programme to schools but there were three or four other providers, including the National Governance Association (NGA) and governors were therefore advised to 'hold fire' and consider all the options. Lots of training was already free/inexpensive and on-line already so governing bodies should consider the benefits before making their decisions.

05/18 Minutes and Matters Arising from Meeting held 8th November 2017

Draft minutes from the meeting held 8th November 2017 had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting date. The minutes were agreed and it was

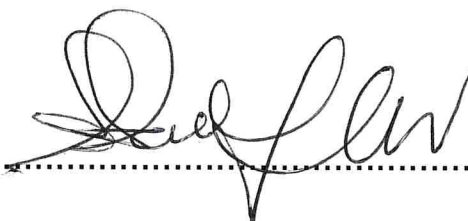
Resolved that the minutes of the Executive meeting held on 8th November 2017 be agreed and signed as a true record by the Chair.

06/18 Any Other Business

- The Chair mentioned that there were some places left on the SIPS training courses and members should look at what was available. Most of the courses are included in the SIPS Training Programme at no additional cost if your school subscribed to the SIPS Training Programme.
- In relation to the above the Chair told members that he had enquired about training for 'Analysing School Performance' which replaced RAISE. Mr Felton's view was that governors would benefit from some form of whole school training that concentrated specifically on the data for their school rather than attending a generic session. The Chair encouraged members to take this up with their Head Teacher.
- The latest NGA magazine, Governing Matters was available, hard copy or on-line and had an article on Analyse School Performance together with various other topical issues.
- The support officer advised that the ASGB website was progressing and requested any further ideas for content that would make the website informative, relevant and provide information that was not available elsewhere.

07/18 Next Meeting Date: Scheduled for 28th February 2018.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Chair..........Dated