

**Meeting of the ASGB held on 19th September 2018 at 5.30pm
at Guardian House, West Bromwich**

Present:

Mr B Byatt – The Meadows Sports College and ASGB Executive
Mr B Patel – Great Bridge and Chair ASGB Executive
Mrs. P Brown – Grove Vale/Holy Trinity Primary and ASGB Executive
Mrs J Dean – Sandwell Community School
Mrs P Burford – Harvills Hawthorn Primary School
Mr S Hussain – Ormiston Forge Academy and ASGB Executive
Mr I Kirk – Wood Green Academy
Mrs E Benbow – Moorlands Primary and ASGB Executive
Mrs H Bloxham – Holy Trinity CofE Primary
Mrs J Poxon – Joseph Turner Primary and ASGB Executive
Mrs L Pyatt – Joseph Turner Primary
Mrs J Gardner – St. Francis Xavier Primary

Apologies

Mrs S Harvey – Oldbury Academy of Sport and ASGB Executive
Mrs L Howard – Lyng Primary and ASGB Executive
Mrs M Parkes – Whiteheath Education Centre
Mrs C Gallant – Perryfields High School and ASGB Executive
Mrs D Holden – The Priory Primary School
Mrs T Bate – Brandhall Primary School
Mr P Piddock – St Mary's Catholic Primary School

In Attendance

Liz Reagan – Head Teacher Great Bridge Primary School
Lynne Foster - Support Officer ASGB

45/18 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed members
The Support Officer confirmed receipt of any other apologies and it was **Resolved** that apologies as noted and received by the Support Officer, above be accepted.

46/18 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 at this time but Mr Hussain, who had not arrived at this point in the meeting had previously declared an interest to the support officer in respect of the ASGB website. He declared a family relationship with Sonar Systems.

47/18 Pupil Premium Grant – Liz Regan, Head Teacher at Great Bridge Primary School

The Chair, also the Chair of Governors at Great Bridge Primary School, introduced Ms. Regan, the Head Teacher of Great Bridge who had agreed to come along to the meeting to talk about PPG at very short notice.

Ms. Regan delivered her presentation (Appendix 1 attached), encouraging discussion and questions at any time.

Additional information, comments, examples and response to questions had been added to the presentation under the heading 'ASGB NOTES'.

The Chair and members thanked Ms. Regan for her presentation which it was hoped, would encourage governors to ensure that they understood PPG and were equipped to challenge when appropriate.

A governor proposed that the information should be shared with colleagues and especially with governors with special responsibility for PPG

48/18 Minutes of the Meeting held 4th July 2018 and 5th September 2018 and Matters Arising

Having been presented with the minutes of the above meetings, it was **Resolved** that the minutes of the meetings held 4th July 2018 and 5th September 2018 be read and agreed.

There were no matters arising which were not already on the agenda.

49/18 Development for Chairs

The support officer informed members that there appeared to be enough interest from governors for the NGA to run 'Development for Chairs' in Sandwell. The course would start in the New Year and the face-to-face sessions would be held in Guardian House. For full detail, members were referred to:

<https://www.nga.org.uk/LeadingGovernance/Chairs.aspx>

Proposed dates for the programme would follow.

There was no charge for the programme and it was open to chairs, vice-chairs and aspiring chairs. Anyone interested in joining the course was encouraged to contact the support officer.

50/18 NGA – Future Events

Members were told about the following NGA events:

The following NGA events were highlighted:

- NGA West Midlands Conference [https://www.nga.org.uk/Events/2018-Events/West-Midlands-Regional-Meeting-Autumn-2018-\(1\).aspx](https://www.nga.org.uk/Events/2018-Events/West-Midlands-Regional-Meeting-Autumn-2018-(1).aspx)
- NGA National Conference and AGM <https://www.nga.org.uk/Events/2018-Events/Annual-Conference-AGM.aspx>
- NGA Outstanding Governance Awards <https://www.nga.org.uk/News/NGA-News/July-2018-Sept-2018/Governing-boards-and-clerks-invited-to-enter-natio.aspx>

51/18 Open Forum/Any Other Business

The following issues were raised:

- ASGB should invite a speaker to present on school budgets, it was suggested that e a representative from Total Finance be invited to attend.
- Other ideas for future agendas included teacher workload/retention, health and wellbeing and the role of governors dealing with parental complaints/parental involvement.
- An Executive member had questioned whether ASGB should have professional indemnity insurance and the support office was looking into this.

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- The letter from Nick Gibb in response to the letter sent on behalf of ASGB to be copied to all members.
- Website progressing, ASGB also has a Twitter account, Facebook page and YouTube account when up and running. Mr Steventon had not responded to the offer to reimburse him for maintaining the website address.
- Members were asked to review the article from Parentkind and consider if it was suitable to include on the website (attached).
- It was agreed that the support officer should ask for feedback after every meeting in order to continuously improve its support to members.

52/18 Next Meeting Dates

13th February 6.15pm

10th April 6.15pm to include Chairs' Forum

22nd May 6.15pm

10th July AGM 6.15pm to include Chairs' Forum

Meeting closed at 7.40pm

Chair.....Dated