

Meeting of the Association of Sandwell Governing Bodies (ASGB)
held on 23rd May 2018 at 6.15pm at Guardian House,
West Bromwich

Present:

Mrs E Benbow – Moorlands Primary and ASGB Executive
Mrs D Holden – The Priory Primary
Mr B Patel MBE – Great Bridge Primary and Chair ASGB Executive
Mr S Somerfield – King George V Primary and ASGB Executive
Mr I Kirk – Wood Green Academy
Mrs L Howard – Lyng Primary, Newtown Primary and Hampstead Junior
Mrs P Stanaway – Langley Primary
Mrs J Dean –and Sandwell Community School and ASGB Executive
Mrs P Burford – Harvills Hawthorn Primary

Apologies

Mr B Byatt – The Meadows Sports College and ASGB Executive
Mrs S Harvey – Oldbury Academy of Sport and ASGB Executive
Mrs Carole Gallant – Perryfields High School and ASGB Executive
Mr D Fereday – King George V Primary and ASGB Executive
Mr S Hussain – Ormiston Forge Academy and ASGB Executive
Mrs P Brown – Grove Vale Primary and ASGB Executive
Mrs J Poxon – Joseph Turner Primary and ASGB Executive
Ms. J Hawkins – Pennyhill Primary
Mr M Roberts – Park Hill Primary
Rizwan Jalil – Perryfields Primary
Lisa Jukes – Harvills Hawthorn Primary
Louise Pearson – Harvills Hawthorn Primary
Mrs H Bloxham - Holy Trinity Primary
Mr T Fowler – St. Margaret's and Eaton Valley Primary

In Attendance

Mr B Kiely - Business Development Director National Governance Association.
Mr C Felton – Director SIPS Governance and Finance
Lynne Foster - Support Officer ASGB

26/18 Welcome and Apologies

Mr Bob Patel MBE, Chair of ASGB 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 noted above be accepted.

27/18 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.

28/18 Bill Kiely – Business Development Manager National Governance Association (NGA)

Mr Kiely introduced himself and told members about his previous experience and role in NGA. A short presentation followed (Appendix 1 attached).

The presentation was self-explanatory but additional comments and response to questions were included in the Summary Notes (Appendix 2) which was sent out to all members shortly after the meeting.

Mr Kiely left the meeting at 7.00pm

29/18 Craig Felton - Update from Governance SIPS

Mr Felton followed up on various issues raised by Mr Kiely, including clerks' accreditation, governor vacancies, Chairs' development. GDPR, governor training sessions and the Governor Hub.

Full details of Mr Felton's presentation were included in the Summary Notes (Appendix 2).

Mr Felton left the meeting at 7.20pm

30/18 Minutes and Matters Arising from Meeting held 28th March 2018

Draft minutes had been sent to all members prior to the meeting, it was

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 28th March 2018 be agreed and signed by the Chair.

31/18 Updates from Executive Members

Executive members had a short meeting prior to this meeting to update on various issues including:

- Questionnaire Summary
- Attendance Figures
- Tips for New Governors
- Flyer for New Governors
- ASGB Constitution
- STEPS Centre

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32/18 Open Forum

Members discussed the difficulties faced by schools in trying to manage their budgets. Once schools had looked at every possible way to save or generate funds, the only option left seemed to be staffing restructure.

Elaine Benbow, member of the Executive, suggested that ASGB write a letter to the Secretary of State for Education, copying in the local MP's and Andy Street, to document our concern at the impact budgets were having on the education of Sandwell's children. This was wholeheartedly agreed. Elaine volunteered to draft a letter for comment by Executive members. Copy to follow.

33/18 Next Meeting Date: AGM 4th July 2018

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Chair.....Dated