

**Joint Meeting of the Association of Sandwell Governing Bodies
(ASGB) held on 28th February 2018 at 6.15pm at Guardian House,
West Bromwich**

Present:

Mrs E Benbow – Moorlands Primary and ASGB Executive
Mrs Hazel Bloxham – Holy Trinity Primary
Mrs P Burford – Harvills Hawthorn
Mr B Byatt – The Meadows Sports College and ASGB Executive
Mrs J Dean – Sandwell Community School
Mr G Epstein – Perryfields Primary
Mr T Fowler – St. Margaret's and Eaton Valley Primary
Mrs D Holden – The Priory Primary
Mrs Carole Gallant – Perryfields High School and ASGB Executive
Mr S Hussain – Ormiston Forge Academy and Acting Chair ASGB
Mrs Mary Parkes – Whiteheath Education Centre
Mr P Piddock – St Mary's RC Primary
Mr M Roberts – Park Hill Primary
Ms P Stanaway – Langley Primary
Mr S Somerfield – King George V and ASGB Executive

Apologies from Executive Members: separate record of all other apologies retained:

Mrs P Brown – Grove Vale Primary and ASGB Executive
Mr D Fereday – King George V Primary and ASGB Executive
Mr C Felton – Director SIPS Governance and Finance
Mrs Lynn Howard – Lyng Primary, Hampstead Jnr, Newtown and ASGB Executive
Mrs Sally Harvey – Oldbury Academy of Sport and ASGB Executive
Mr B Patel MBE – Great Bridge Primary and Chair ASGB Executive
Mrs J Poxon – Joseph Turner Primary and ASGB Executive

In Attendance

Mr Patrick Finegan – Head Teacher of the Virtual School for Looked After Children and Head Teacher of STEPS Centre for International New Arrival Children
Lynne Foster - Support Officer ASGB

08/18 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 and recorded separately be accepted.

09/18 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.

10/18 Governor Responsibilities Looked After Children – Patrick Finegan

Mr Finegan introduced himself, shared some of his background and delivered a presentation a copy of which is attached (Appendix 1). Any additional comments or questions have been added to the notes section of the presentation.

The presentation explained how the past experiences of Looked After Children affect them, touched on the issues around attachment and the importance of relationships. Quality teaching and the teacher mentoring programme were highlighted as the most effective way to help Looked After Children to escape their past and to build a better future. It was **Resolved** that Mr Finegan's presentation be received with thanks.

11/18 Fundraising for Schools – Elaine Benbow ASGB Executive Member

Elaine Benbow, a member of the ASGB Executive kindly shared her knowledge and experience of fundraising for schools. The presentation is attached, with a few additional ASGB notes (Appendix 2).

The presentation includes a wealth of information which will hopefully inspire you all to look at the many opportunities to generate much needed additional funding. It was

Resolved that Mrs Benbow's presentation be received with thanks.

14/18 Update from Governance SIPS

- On behalf of Craig Felton, the support officer asked for feedback on the Governor Gazette Issue 1 which had been issued three weeks or so ago. Some governors had not received their copy and this would be fed back to SIPS for them to look at the distribution methods.
- Free training on independent Panel Reviews (exclusion panels) is being offered to governors. The session will be held on Friday 27th April 9.30am. Places limited.
- SIPS would be offering a new finance service from April 2018.

15/18 Minutes and Matters Arising from Meeting held 17th January 2018

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

It was noted that Carole Gallant had forwarded her apologies and subject to this amendment, it was

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2018 be agreed and signed as such, by the Chair.

16/18 Any Other Business

- The support officer checked that all members were aware of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).
- Subscription fees for next year should be confirmed soon, a minimal increase to cover cost of living rise was expected but support officer was awaiting figure from NGA.
- It was noted that the ASGB Constitution required updating and this would be considered by the ASGB Executive (together with the implications of GDPR) at a meeting to be arranged.
- Attention was drawn to the Active Black Country Flyer for Primary PE & School Sport Premium Conference Awards 20178 (Appendix 3)

17/18 Next Meeting Date: Joint meeting with Chairs Forum, scheduled for 28th March 2018

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Chair.....



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