

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

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 in such horrendous weather.

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 affected them, he 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.

Many Governing Body meetings will refer to the number of Looked After Children in school and include a brief update, often linked with the SEN update but this presentation emphasised how important it was for governors to take a real interest in the well-being of Looked After Children and ASGB would encourage you to consider the suggestions on the last slide of the presentation:

WHAT GOVERNORS CAN DO FOR LAC

- Have progress of school's LAC on termly Governing Body meetings.
- Have a designated LAC Governor
- Receive an annual report from Designated Teacher (DT) for LAC on attainment and progress
- Ensure DT receives at least 2 days a year training
- If you would like to know about charities working in this area look at ARC (Attachment Research Community) and IRCT (Institute for the Recovery of Childhood Trauma).
- Websites: www.the-arc.org.uk www.irct.org.uk www.kca.training

Fundraising for Schools – Elaine Benbow ASGB Executive

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.

Governance Update:

- 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. A copy should have gone out to all governors whose school uses the SIPS clerking service. Some governors had not received their copy and this would be fed back to SIPS for them to look at the distribution methods. For those of you who have seen a copy, please let me have any comments or suggestions for future issues.
- 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 are limited so if you are interested, be quick!
- SIPs will be offering a new finance service from April 2018.

More details on the training and new finance service will be included in the next edition of the Governor Gazette which should be issued next week.

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Minutes and Matters Arising from the Meeting held 17th January

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 the amendment, it was agreed and it was

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

Updates/Additional Items

- The support officer checked that all members were aware of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), noting that there would be implications for ASGB.
- 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)

Next Meeting:

Next scheduled meeting 28th March 2018 will be a joint meeting with Chairs' Forum.