



**Minutes of the meeting of the Governing Body held on Thursday 17<sup>TH</sup> March 2016 at 4.00 pm.**

**Governing Body:**

(+)David Barter	DB	Chair
(+)Judith Langley	JL	Head
(+)Charlotte Morley	CM	Co-opted Governor, Vice Chair
(+)Gavin Price	GP	Co-opted Governor
(-)Geoff Evans	GE	Co-opted Governor
(+)Beverley Harding	BH	Partnership Governor
(-) Jenny Tuck	JT	Co-opted Governor
(-)Simon Goldsmith	SG	Parent Governor
(+)Philip Goddard	PG	Parent Governor
(+)Graham Rudd	GR	Parent Governor
(+)Jodie Walters	JW	Staff Governor
(+)Martin Sands	MS	Local Authority Governor

**In attendance:**

Jennie Morgan	JM	Clerk to Governors
Katie Clark	KC	Bursar

	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>  Apologies were received and accepted from Geoff Evans and Jenny Tuck.	
<b>2</b>	<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>  Judith Langley and Jodie Walters declared an interest in Part 2 item A. Charlotte Morley declared an interest in the Part 2 item B.	
<b>3</b>	<b>CONSTITUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY</b>  Vacancies: Link Governor Partnership Governor  DB and JL have been in contact with a potential governor. DB to provide possible dates to JL to organise a meeting.	<b>DB</b>

4	<p><b>MINUTES</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016 were approved and signed.</p>	
5	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 11 FEBRUARY 2016</b></p> <p>DB to attend rearranged Babcock Prevent training in April.</p>	
6	<p><b>CHAIR'S ACTION</b></p> <p>SFVS was signed and sent off in good time.</p> <p>DB, JL, CM and others attended meetings with Surrey County Council and Surrey County Council Building Development Team. More information in Part 2.</p> <p>GP, on behalf of the governors, thanked and acknowledged all the hard work that CM put into collating the SFVS.</p>	
7	<p><b>LEADERSHIP REPORT</b></p> <p>JL presented the Leadership Report and the latest version of Kings News. One highlight included Kings taking first place in the recent Maths challenge.</p> <p>Year 7 took part in some challenging Science activities beyond their chronological age.</p> <p>12 students have been identified on C3 in English and Maths who will make a critical difference to our results. <i>Governors noted their thanks and respect to the staff who come in after school and during the holidays to make this difference, and also appreciate the efforts of the students coming in during their holidays.</i></p> <p>Year 9 Options are complete. Approximately 87% of the students got all of their first choices. All students had at least 2 out of the three choices. <i>Governors asked if any of the classes running are sub economic.</i> School replied that the smallest class is 12.</p> <p>For the first time this year there is no joint provision between Tomlinscote and Kings.</p> <p>143 students have accepted places to date, and there are 6 on the waiting list. 11 parents have not yet responded. It is a testament to the work pre and post Ofsted. <i>Governors commented that it is also a testament to JL's leadership.</i></p> <p>A resignation has been received from a middle leader for personal reasons. An offer was made to a technician who declined for personal reasons. A decision should be made on a technician 18/3.</p>	

	<p>Kings new Assessment process is a work in progress. A decision will be made within the first two weeks of the summer term.</p> <p><i>Governors asked if Kings have three good systems to choose from.</i></p> <p>School replied that there are four possible choices.</p> <p><i>Governors asked what system the feeder primary schools are using.</i></p> <p>School replied that they are all using the Chris Quigley system.</p> <p><i>Governors stated that it should therefore be a robust system.</i></p> <p>School replied yes, and Kings are looking at a baseline assessment in addition to this.</p> <p>A request has been made through our leadership partner, Angela Bradshaw, for 6 consultant days in the summer term.</p> <p>School improvement funding has been withdrawn from 1<sup>st</sup> April, DB strongly suggested that some money is found in the budget to continue funding the external consultant.</p> <p>Heads Questions – Teacher recruitment was the hot topic. As the field of good staff shrinks we need to look at offering the right salary, not getting into bidding wars but to attract the best we need to look at possible recruitment and retention bonuses.</p> <p><i>Governors asked about overview schools.</i></p> <p>Kings continue to be entitled to half a day per term.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<p><b>SFVS</b></p> <p>The SFVS was signed and sent, any comments to CM. CM noted that the document should be reviewed in 6 months by the Resources Committee.</p>	
<b>9</b>	<p><b>COMMITTEES AND NOMINATED GOVERNOR REPORTS</b></p> <p>Resources committee reported that we are continuing to keep ahead of budget and the deficit is still reducing. The Head of Finance at SCC has noticed a trend. The figures need to be adjusted on the basis of a 150 intake going forward.</p>	
<b>10</b>	<p><b>2015 LEARNING PARTNERSHIP</b></p> <p>Kings has been in conversation with the four schools currently in the learning partnership for around a month. We were invited to join the team for a QA learning walk last Friday. Jo Quinn joined the team of around 10 and thought it was a very worthwhile exercise, providing learning opportunities for all schools taking place.</p> <p>JL noted that her feeling was that everything contained within the learning partnership document had resonance with our ethos at Kings and it is her suggestion that we join the partnership.</p> <p><i>Governors asked if there are any competitor schools within the partnership.</i></p> <p>School replied yes, Collingwood.</p> <p>DB commented that each school within the partnership has its own personality and ethos. They are not clone schools. No school within the partnership loses its financial or own identity.</p> <p>Governors confirmed that they are happy to continue to foster links. JL will need to speak to staff regarding the learning partnership.</p>	<b>JL</b>

	<i>Governors queried the exit strategy from the learning partnership.</i> JL confirmed Kings could exit the partnership when it wished to do so.	
<b>11</b>	<b>CHAIRS' AND CLERKS' BRIEFINGS</b>  There has been no Clerks' Briefing yet. The Chairs' briefing was attended by the Acting Assistant Director for Schools and Education. She was challenged on SEN students. It can take 18 months for EHCP to go through, and unless accepted, the funding does not come in at all. There is also considerable concern re Babcock in Surrey.	
<b>12</b>	<b>LETTINGS</b>  KC attended the meeting to talk about lettings. She outlined the current situation and the issues that come with it. She has been investigating outsourcing the lettings to an external company and has spoken to three companies. One company declined as they felt that the operation at Kings was too large for their company. The other two companies have sent formal proposals. KC asked governors agree in principal to investigate outsourcing lettings and asked for volunteers for a working group to make a decision. GE had already volunteered and GP and PG also volunteered. CM proposed that the governing body delegate the responsibility to bring the favoured proposal to full governing body to this working group and BH seconded with the rest of the governors unanimously agreeing. The proposal will be brought to Full Governing Body on 12 <sup>th</sup> May. It was noted that KC has endeavoured to get three comparable quotes but can only get two. Governors have decided to proceed.	
<b>13</b>	<b>SHAPE REPORT TO GOVERNORS</b>  Shape is coming to a natural end. There are high operating costs and going forward the essentials of Shape will be organised amongst the schools involved with a much reduced number of activities.  Work experience to be added to the agenda for Full Governing body on 12 <sup>th</sup> May.	<b>JM</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>GOVERNORS CONSIDERED WHAT HAD BEEN DONE AT THIS MEETING THAT HAS IMPROVED THE EDUCATION FOR THE CHILDREN IN OUR SCHOOL:</b>	
<b>15</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>  12 <sup>th</sup> May at 4pm	
<b>16</b>	<b>PART 2 BUSINESS</b>  On separate sheet.	