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The Boston Grammar Schools Federation
Record of a Meeting of the Governing Body
6th July 2010 at Boston Grammar School 7.00pm

Present: Mr. P. Bosworth COG, Mrs. L. Storry, Mr. C. Champion, Mr. J. Tryner, Mrs. C. Ellis, Mr. J. McHenry, Mrs. J. Wardell, Mr. B. Gosling, Mrs. C. Hamshaw.
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- By invitation: Mike Cook
In Attendance: Mrs. J. Thornalley and Mr. P. Marsh

1. Absent/Apologies:

Mr. B. Pycok, Mr. M. Worrall VcoG, R Piggins, E Thomas, Kathryn Kelly, G Cook - 5

2. Minutes of the meeting 8th Jun 2010

3. Matters Arising

There were some matters arising from the minutes.

Head vote: as Staff Governor was raised.

It was agreed and discussed that we should change the Articles to have one extra Staff Governor so both heads have a vote and have a position on the GB.
C Champion proposed - L Storry seconded. GB total 21.

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Q e) " that this had been his intention " To get rid of the GB (Charles Champion and C Hamshaw)

" He said that the GB had agreed to pay it

Mr Elmer "refused" [typo]

The GB approved the minutes with corrections: Jim Tryner proposed, approved Cathy Ellis

Chair said that he had two more letters to send to BJ at Nottingham reference their invoice - regarding the need for more detail and also to request more correspondence.

Discussed Governors places to be filled:

Parent Governor - hold election in September 10

Staff Governor - Election in process.

Partnership Governor - Sept 10

Community Governor - Sept 10

LEA Governor - propose Barrie Gosling. (check regulations)

4. **Proposal to change BHS timetable.**
This was proposed by the SLT and a survey was carried out. After due consideration all approved the change sought by Jackie Thormalley and the BHS SLT.

Both heads are requested to write to LA about late bus arrivals at schools - esp with 12 month road works now started in Boston. Staff get in on time so Buses must need to start earlier.

5 and item 13. Sixth Form Entries:Sept 10

Paul Marsh and Jackie discussed the 6th form entries for Sept, also re: Horncastle: Students have found that that a place is not on offer (told it was only provisional not confirmed). This highlighted that need for checking the external applicant number for 6th form intake. We should not go over the number we choose by 10% otherwise we can be penalized. There is a need to update the existing Policy that was not passed by the GB [previously] written by the ex. Exec Head. A draft new Admissions Policy has been written [did have external applicant limit of 140 Sept 2009 - BUT the published policy dated Sept 2010 showed a low number of 80 - must be changed]. Detail to be added by Paul Marsh as discussed. Also we should check the types of courses we have on offer i.e 80 students have registered for psychology. So there is a need to carefully review and ensure we offer the right courses and numbers to ensure we get a good 6th form intake.

BGS 104 entries = 67 BGS external, 13 BHS, 24 external
BHS 101 inc 6 BGS.

We may regain some applicants as they are being denied places their thought they had elsewhere. (QUEGS & Spalding)

140 - number of external candidates to be reinstated in the policy.

There was a long discussion about 6th form entries from East European, potential language barriers (see consortium note), Head teacher recommendations vav exam grades suitable for entry.

Finally:- There was unanimous agreement for the Heads to make the appropriate changes they proposed and have been duly accepted now.

6. **CPD Analysis:- JAT / DD**
We have 42 PDA units available unused. 10 can be carried forward (unused)
An analysis of CPD training over the past two years was handed out to Governors for information. Governors agreed to keep a close eye on costs while still following a constructive and practical program, that the GB /school has a duty to continue to do, for Staff during 2010/11.

Contracted targeted support (on request to the La) can be put together as a package by the LA FOR THE heads. Performance management reviews under HM were not all carried out. Care will be taken for Sept 10/11 to ensure every Staff member is reviewed. Also we should ensure the School gets value for money for all courses.

JT to pass copies of the CPD to the clerk for distribution- Action: JT / TB
In future SSWB can organize and get an overview from JT each year - going forward.
Plus JT to ensure - a cost center overview sheet is passed to F & G P each year to review and check. Good information tool for checking budgetry expenditure.

7. **Parents Forum**

A parents meeting was agreed for Monday 19th July and run it as a Parents Forum as a regular termly meeting. Paul and Jackie will prepare a presentation bringing Parents up to date with BSF, staffing structur, Kirkland Rowell [BGS] etc.

Asking Parents to be involved in Focus Groups for the SLT to draw upon when needed. Making sure that questions and concerns - not necessarily their own child but also general views and concerns can be raised at a regular forum. Subject leader based staffing structure and answering Parents (march 17th) queries.

A Governor said that local authorities would like to see more Parent Councils (Forums) set up. So we are on the right track. They say training will be provided in the Autumn.

BGS 7pm to 8pm - Parents meeting July 19th was agreed by all.

Governors agreed to attend the year 5 evenings at BHS and BGS 5 to 7pm
We should also see if we can run year 4/5 meetings in the Autumn to get the children into the school early and feel a strong affinity with both schools, girls and boys.

8. **Audit Team from LA** - Still awaiting a draft report.
9. **Update LCC**
 - 9.1 Review 15th / 16th June. This date was not convenient and both heads considered it was not the right time for a review. There has been a huge workload to get the staffing structure in place and the GB agreed that it should not take place at this time.
 - 9.2 **GTSIL** This booklet has been the subject of controversy as the LA are making their statement and NOT taking into account the wishes of the Self-Governing Foundation Governing Body. The GB have confirmed their decision for 2 single sex schools - BSF has been totally stopped.
The Chair read out an email from Dick Pike which is unacceptable, for the wording for the GTSIL booklet. The LA are still trying to force the merger of our schools irrespective of any funding. We have said that is NOT the GB decision and they must stop this undermining of the GB and the two schools in Boston. Their actions over the past 3 years and recently with the defederation damaged the school's reputation and lost us some entrants. The school has an FOI - from the LA - stating that there was NO funding applications for the Grammar Schools in Boston - under BSF since July 2008 and all of 2009.
 - 9.3. **Co-ed Status** . The LA has refused to change the co-ed status at the BHS so the Chair has asked for a meeting the Leader Martin Hill to discuss irregularities with the Decision, Appeals process and the mail sent to the DCSF.
 - 9.4. **LASH meeting**. Paul Marsh and Jackie Thornalley attended a head's meeting where inappropriate comments were made by the CfBT. Letters have sent in response. Paul Marsh read out the reply from Mr Breckon. Crucially it states that they wish to "put both schools on one site".
 - 9.5. Meeting with Cllr Hill and MP - Chair is still awaiting a date.
 - 9.6. The chair and Paul Marsh sent a Press Release out to the Standard and Target (circulated to Governors) in response to the BSF announcement by Michael Gove that Lincolnshire schools £70 was stopped.
10. **Year 6 entries and appeals**. The heads have been closely following the appeals to ensure we have every child that e should. Ensuring we don't have any slip the net. Barrie Gosling requested Governors to re-affirm their mandate that the Chair should approach Martin Hill to ensure we have two single sex schools on two sites and find a solution to the question of removing/changing the co-ed status of the High school back to single sex. The GB agreed the above point. One governor wants co-ed schools.
11. **y7- y8 parental choice**: for entry into BGS in Sept 10. All year 6 boys are now entering BGS - by Parental Choice. About 50% of the current year 7 are entering BGS for their year 8.
12. **Consortium 11+**

