

BOSTON GRAMMAR SCHOOLS FEDERATION GOVERNING BODY
 MINUTES OF A FULL GOVERNING BODY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY
 14TH DECEMBER 2010 AT 6.00 PM AT BGS

Agenda item		Action by:
	<p>Present Mr P Bosworth (Chair), Mr M Worrall (Vice-chair), Mrs L Storry, Mrs J Thornalley (Acting head BHS), Mr B Pycock, Mr P Marsh, Mr J Tryner, Mr J McHenry, Mr B Gosling, Mr P Mould, Cllr Gilbert, Mrs C Ellis, Mr C Campion, Mr N Fitton, C. Manshew Mrs,</p>	
1	<p>Apologies Mrs K Kelly, Mr G Cook, Dr J Wardell, Mr R Busby Mr M Cook (invited).</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of previous meeting (Tuesday 14th November 2010) The minutes were accepted by the governors and were duly signed by the CoG.</p>	
3	<p>Matters Arising Mr Bosworth informed the governors that he has not received a reply from Browne Jacobson yet.</p>	
4	<p>Register of Interests Nothing was declared.</p>	
5	<p>Acting Head Teachers Reports (BHS circulated with minutes) Paul Marsh distributed his report to the governors. There were no comments or questions at this time, but governors will review the reports and bring any comments to the next meeting.</p>	
6	<p>Mid year testing (ref yr 8) Mr Marsh reported that BGS has gained one pupil through recommendation from Haven High School (The head teacher of Haven High School had written to parents of suitable pupils and advised that they consider their children taking the test) Mrs Thornalley informed governors that one pupil had been gained from Haven High school and there had been one approach from Giles as a result of the advertisement. Mr P Marsh informed governors that 1 pupil will be tested (moving into the area). It was agreed that the subject ^{of} the Curriculum for the current yr 8 be discussed at an ^{the} next A&S meeting.</p>	
7	<p>Policies to Ratify The following policies were agreed and accepted by governors. They were duly signed by the CoG. Careers education and guidance policy. KS4 work experience policy. Connexions resource library information policy. The following policies are to be re-written as federation</p>	

	<p>policies as agreed at the A&S committee meeting the previous evening.</p> <p>Curriculum policy.</p> <p>Controlled assessment policy.</p> <p>The Safeguarding policy will be referred to the SSWB committee for consideration at their next meeting.</p> <p>Mr P Marsh distributed an updated admissions policy and graphs representing the 11+ distribution of pupils between Lincolnshire grammar schools.</p> <p>The admissions policy was discussed and the following points raised:</p> <p>BGSF does not have to be in the Consortium, but can still be affiliated to the consortium.</p> <p>BGSF can set its own admission tests.</p> <p>There will be no loss of pupils as there is with the consortium testing due to the age-weighting.</p> <p>BGSF has only offered places to those who are capable and will continue to do so.</p> <p>BGSF have been informed (by primary heads) that other secondary schools are talking to primary pupils earlier than BGSF.</p> <p>Some schools pupils are being tested at BGSF expense and then opting to go to another grammar school.</p> <p>BGSF had not agreed to abolishing primary head teachers referrals until after the consortium implemented this. BGSF are happy to consider referrals from primary heads.</p> <p>The numbers sitting the 11+ have increased this year.</p> <p>Those who pass the consortium 11+ will be eligible for a place at BGSF.</p> <p>Those who 'fail' the consortium test could still pass the BGSF test (age weighting).</p> <p>Mr P Marsh suggested practice papers could be published on the website.</p> <p>Mr P Marsh believes that the 25% of the cohort amounts to roughly the PAN of 232 (combined).</p> <p>More pupils who, otherwise go out of the area may be encouraged to stay in the area.</p> <p>The possible disadvantages of coming out of the consortium should be investigated.</p> <p>Parent Governors believe that parents are not happy about the age weighting.</p> <p>The governors agreed to accept the admissions policy.</p> <p>The policy will be signed by the CoG.</p>	
8	<p>BHS co-ed to single status.</p> <p>The matter was discussed and it was agreed to go ahead with the publishing of the notice.</p>	
9	<p>Items for next agenda/ Any other business.</p> <p>There was a discussion regarding academies and it was agreed that Mr Bosworth and Mr Marsh would approach</p>	

	<p>those grammar schools that have converted and discuss with them why they felt it beneficial to convert and what the disadvantages are.</p> <p>The governors discussed the recent OFSTED inspection at BGS and the governors congratulated Mr Marsh and Mr McHenry for the work put in to obtaining the result (Satisfactory).</p>	
10	<p>Date/ Time of next meeting February 16th at 6.00 pm at BHS</p>	
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.00 pm</p>	

Smith chair

March 1st 2011.