

**BOSTON GRAMMAR SCHOOLS FEDERATION**  
**MINUTES OF THE FULL GOVERNING BODY MEETING HELD**  
**ON TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2011 AT 6.00 PM AT BGS.**

Agenda Item		Action by:
	<p><b>Present</b>            Mr P Bosworth (Chair), Mr M Worrall (VcoG), Mr B Gosling, Mr B Pycock, Mrs C Ellis, Mr N Fitton, Mr P Mould, Mr J Tryner, Mr C Champion, Dr J Wardell, Mr J McHenry, Mr P Marsh, Mrs C Hamshaw, Mrs K Kelly, Mrs L Storry, Mr R Busby, Mrs J Thornalley.            In attendance Mr M Cook</p>	
1	<p><b>Apologies</b>            Mr G Cook, Mr R Piggins, Cllr M Gilbert.</p>	
2	<p><b>Minutes of previous meeting (held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2010)</b>            The minutes were approved and were duly signed by the CoG.</p>	
3	<p><b>Matters Arising/Update from previous minutes</b>            Mr Bosworth informed the Governors that he has still had no response to his letter to Browne Jacobson.            Mr Marsh outlined the discussion with the Consortium regarding membership and informed Governors that there is no problem with BGSF using the same 11+ test using the raw scores.            A discussion ensued regarding the cost of the 11+ test and it was agreed that Mr Marsh will check the cost of the 11+ test and the cost of standardising the results. These costs will be discussed at the upcoming F&amp;GP meeting.            There was a discussion about the expected intake for September and Mrs Thornalley said that there were some pupils who had been offered a place (who had not achieved a pass in the 11+) at BHS, who had chosen Spalding as their first choice and obviously been denied a place. Mrs Thornalley was in the process of contacting all those concerned.            Mr Marsh said that 13 pupils who had passed the 11+ had chosen another school as first choice and he was going to write to <sup>any</sup> the parents, to suggest that they decline that offer and accept the place at BGS.            There was a discussion about choosing schools and it was believed by the majority that there is still some confusion regarding whether everyone who passed the 11+ would be offered a place at BGSF. Many parents believe that if they do not put a particular school as first choice, they will not get the place if they do not get accepted at BGSF.            Mr Bosworth reported that there have been no further developments regarding academies, but it was agreed, after a discussion, that the pros and cons of becoming an academy should be investigated. The situation regarding the property deeds should be looked into. Mr Pycock believes that the Foundation clerk may have some information about this.            It was agreed that academies should be on the agenda for the next FGB meeting</p>	<p>Mr Marsh            Agenda - F&amp;GP Clerk  <i>Possibly</i>            Mrs Thornalley            Mr Marsh <i>wanted a place</i>            CoG/Clerk            Clerk</p>
4	<p><b>Register of Interests</b>            There was nothing to declare.</p>	
5	<p><b>Confidentiality</b>            There was a discussion regarding the importance of confidentiality as it seems rumours are circulating around the schools which staff find upsetting. It is believed that these are not a result of Governors actions, but it was stressed that Governors should be careful about what they say and who may</p>	

	overhear any comments they make.	
6	<p><b>Partnership Vacancy</b> The recent nomination for partnership governor was discussed and it was felt by the Governors that the Schools would be served better by someone local rather than someone from the Grantham area.</p>	
7	<p><b>Committee Reports</b> <b>F&amp;GP</b> Mr Gosling reported that the meeting had focussed mainly on maintenance matters with a large amount of work being carried out. He updated Governors regarding the Science block (BGS) defects. He also expressed his concerns about the way the Tendering process was being carried out. After a discussion it was agreed that this should be an agenda item at the upcoming F&amp;GP meeting. The Schools should have the Tendering process documents available at the meeting.</p> <p><b>A&amp;S</b> Mr Campion expressed his thanks to Mr Cook for his presentation regarding the BHS results. Mr Marsh had presented the proposed subject options for the current yr 8 for GCSE's which the Governors were happy with. The need for a discussion in the near future regarding the English Baccalaureate and whether or not the Schools will look to encourage and expect pupils to take the relevant subjects.</p> <p><b>SSWB</b> Dr Wardell mentioned the lengthy process of reviewing a large number of policies in one meeting and thanked Governors for their input. Carolyn Sumner has been invited to do a presentation regarding Safeguarding (including e-safety) on May 4<sup>th</sup>. School uniforms at BHS had been discussed and agreed that as from September 2012 all pupils would be expected to be wearing black.</p> <p>A number of Governors expressed their concern that the minutes of these meeting were not brought to the FGB meeting for ratification and for any decisions that had been made to be altered if the FGB did not agree with the committee. The Clerk explained that minutes of the committee meeting could only be approved and signed by the member of that committee who were present at that meeting and that decisions made by a committee that had delegated power could not be overturned by the FGB as a matter of course. The Clerk will check this situation and report the findings to the Governors.</p> <p>It was agreed that the agenda for any committee meeting would be distributed to all Governors and any who are not on the committee would be welcome at the meetings. It was stressed that only members of that committee would be able to vote at the meetings.</p>	<p>Agenda item -Clerk</p> <p>JT/PM</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
8	<p><b>Governor visit reports</b> <i>Report available</i> A report from Mr Tryner was distributed with the agenda. Other Governors stated that they had made visits to the schools and it was agreed that written reports would be submitted to the clerk prior to the distribution of the papers for the next meeting.</p>	All Governors
9	<p><b>Policies to ratify</b> Curriculum policy Controlled assessment policy</p>	

	<p>Smoking policy  Drugs and Management of Drugs related incidents policy  Anti-bullying  Behaviour management policy  Boston High School physical activity policy  Code of safe practice for all staff  Confidentiality  Sex and Relationship Education policy  Personal Social Health Education policy  Race Equality policy  Safeguarding policy  Equal opportunities policy  All the above policies were ratified by the G+FGB and were duly signed by the CoG.</p>	
10	<p><b>LCC</b>  <b>Compensation Claim reminder letter</b>  Mr Bosworth updated Governors and explained that there was a meeting planned with Mark Simmonds regarding this matter and the possibility of this money being given to the schools as funding rather than compensation would be explored.  <b>Ofsted complaint</b>  Ofsted have acknowledged the complaint and are currently investigating.</p>	
11	<p><b>Any other business/Items for next agenda</b>  Dr Wardell informed Governors that a Race Equality Governor was required and it was agreed to mention this at the forthcoming SSWB meeting and to elect a Governor at the next FGB.  There was a discussin regarding the complaint made about the School Improvement Partner and it was agreed the Mrs Thornalley should decline the planned visit.</p>	
12	<p><b>Date/Time of next meeting</b>  FGB April 6<sup>th</sup> BHS 6.00 pm  <u>Committees</u>  F&amp;GP March 8<sup>th</sup> BHS 6.00 pm  SSWB March 15<sup>th</sup> BGS 6.00 pm</p>	
13	<p>Headteacher positions BHS/BGS  This matter will be discussed at a later date.</p>	
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.</p>	

Signed:

6th April 2011

P Bosworth.

