

# Moorlands School Federation

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## Full Governing Body Meeting 09 March 2015 – 6.15 pm

### MINUTES

#### Attendees:

Johnny Norris (JN)	Chair of Resources (MIS Parent)
Ruth Balch (RB)	Chair of Governors (MIS Parent)
Clare Griffin-Felton (CGF)	Head Teacher
Fiona Bedding (FB)	Federation Business Manager
Fiona Randle (FR)	LA Governor
Simon Weiss	Community Governor
Binky Clark (BC)	Vice-Chair of Governors/Chair of C&A (Community)
Caroline Cronin (CCr)	Community Governor
Frances Tyson	Clerk
<b>Guests attending for item 3</b>	
<i>Cath Mitchard</i>	<i>LA HR</i>
<i>Wendy Jefferies</i>	<i>LA School Strategic&amp;Finance Team Leader</i>
<i>Helen Hoynes</i>	<i>LA Schools Organisation Manager</i>
<i>Fiona Randle</i>	<i>LA Schools Capital Manager</i>
<i>Rob Sidaway</i>	<i>LA Schools Improvement Manager</i>

#### 1. Apologies: None. .

#### ACTIONS

No	Action	Who	Target
1	Set review timescale for Behaviour for Learning policy	C&A	28/2
6	Review and finalise procedure for link governor visits and reporting	SG	28/2
	Invite Chris Chatfield (former LA governor) to 21-April event	RB	17/3
	Liaise with PTA regarding summer celebration event linking to Ofsted report	RB/CGF	30/4

#### DISCUSSIONS

#### 2. Declaration of Business Interests

FR: Continuing interest as LA Schools Capital Manager. Attending this meeting in LA capacity and for item 3 only.

#### 3. Confidential Minute recorded separately.

#### 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting (20150112)

BC confirmed that EYFS would be on the agenda for the next C&A meeting. Otherwise minutes agreed to be a true record.

## **5. Receipt of C&A minutes (20150126) and report of exceptional items**

BC reported that the main issue for C&A continues to be rolling out the new curriculum.

## **6. Receipt of Resources minutes (20150209)**

No exceptional items to Resources meeting minutes recorded.

## **7. Chair's Update**

### **a) Governor Recruitment**

RB updated the GB on the 3x new parent appointments: Lou Abercrombie, Sam Laite (both MJS), and Jon Bentley (MIS) along with 1x community appointment, Simon Weiss. There remain 2x vacancies for coopted governors but since the GB is undergoing Reconstitution in April it was agreed to hold these open pending reassignments of some of the existing governors' categories. RB has identified the skills needs gap as centering on SEND and Child Protection.

### **b) Reconstitution of FGB**

It was agreed that this would take place on Monday 21 April, as a single-item agenda, followed by informal gathering to get to know the new governors.

## **8 Head Teacher's Update**

a) CGF reported on the two recent school reviews, by the LA and then an Ofsted inspection of the Junior School. Both had highlighted good leadership. She recognised that the bar had understandably been raised to make 'outstanding' more difficult to achieve. The committee agreed that the schools are recognisably achieving other criteria outside Ofsted targets, and that legacies are being recognised. The schools should celebrate the achievement of both schools being graded as 'good' in over 20 years. CGF highlighted continuing concerns about the capacity of staff effort to improve further with leadership team efforts being distributed further across years 1-6.

## **9 Any Other Business**

a) FGB discussed options for publicising the Ofsted outcomes and agreed to liaise with the PTA to come up with ideas and coordinate PR, potentially around the Summer Fete or Fathers' Friday.

## **10. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Monday 21-April, to start at 6pm with formal farewell to Chris Chatfield (**RB to invite**), followed by a single-item agenda of Reconstitution and then informal session off-site with new governors.