

NEW BEWERLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12 July 2016 at 4.30pm

PRESENT Heather Phillips (Chair) Gary German (Headteacher)
Simon Gray Lucy Knight
Stacey Logan Neil Rhodes
Janet Walker

IN ATTENDANCE: Julie Saunders (Clerk – Governor Support Service)
Tracey Cunningham (Associate Member)
Charlotte – In Harmony Opera North for item 1
Ian Stokes - Ian Stokes Education Limited for item 2

1.00	IN HARMONY OPERA NORTH	ACTION
1.01	The Headteacher introduced Charlotte from the In Harmony Opera North Project.	
1.02	She advised that she was part of the In Harmony Opera North project working with two schools in South Leeds which aims to excite, enrich and engage children through music. They believe that all young children should have the opportunity to experience music	
1.03	The project would like to expand to an additional school within South Leeds and proposed that New Beverley join the project.	
1.04	Engagement in the project will meant that every child in the school will have three hours music tuition every week including free string instrument tuition, choir and orchestra.	
1.05	The cost to the school would be £25,000 per annum; the Headteacher advised that this would meet the music curriculum requirements.	
1.06	Benefits of the project mean that children and parents are engaged and typically Sats results increase by 20% as children's focus in lessons increase. There is an increase in peer to peer support and team work, all the teachers are taught alongside the children.	
1.07	Charlotte advised that if the school can quickly make a decision then singing can be available to all from September followed by string tuition starting in Spring on a staggered basis. The following questions were asked:	
1.08	Q – Is the tuition incorporated into the curriculum? A – Yes, every child will receive about 3 hours music lessons per week as part of the curriculum, made up of string tuition for 45 mins, orchestra for 45 minutes and choir for 45 minutes	

- 1.09 Q - Will there be an issue with space constraints?
A – In Harmony will address this, the instruments are usually housed in open cabinets and are quite visible.
- 1.10 Q - Are the instruments insured?
A – The school would arrange this with Opera North
- 1.11 Q – Have you had any experience of resistance from teachers and problems with commitment?
A – Timetables need to be flexible in order to accommodate the music lessons and normally if there is any initial resistance from teachers the situation quickly changes.
- 2.00 Ian Stokes Education Limited**
- 2.01 The Headteacher introduced Ian Stokes who attended to give Governors a presentation on changes to testing, assessment and reporting in 2016 and beyond
- 2.02 Headteacher will distribute a copy of his presentation electronically to all governors
- 2.03 Ian gave an overview of purpose to the changes to the new national curriculum, assessment without levels, testing regime, primary accountability measures, calculating progress and floor standards and coasting schools.
- 2.04 The following points were highlighted:
- The new curriculum was introduced to raise standards
 - The new curriculum concentrates on core skills
 - Individual measures are in place for each subject
 - The national target for 2016 if for at least 65% of a schools children to meet expected standards in reading writing and maths
 - School needs to meet either the attainment or all the progress element
- 3.00 APOLOGIES**
- 3.01 Apologies were received and accepted from Amy Milne and Kae Sinclair.
- 4.00 MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**
- 4.01 Andrew Jarrold has now resigned from his post as governor. The Headteacher advised that he had also received Abbey Lemboyes resignation who has had to resign due to personal circumstances. This would leave vacancies for a parent and co-opted governor.
- 4.02 It was agreed that a parent governor election will be held in September to fill the vacant position.

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4.03	<p>Governing Body Action Plan</p> <p>The Headteacher advised that all the action points in the governing body action plan have been completed. A new governing body action plan is to be written for the new academic year. The Headteacher suggested that a representative from the Governor Support Service to be invited to undertaken a review of governor effectiveness in September.</p>	CLERK
5.00	GOVERNOR DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING	
5.01	All training to be reported to Neil Rhodes for inclusion in the training record.	GOVS
6.00	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	
6.01	There had been no changes of declarations of interest since the last meeting.	
7.00	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING	
7.01	<p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 May 2016 were agreed as a correct record and that the Chair be authorised to sign 	
8.00	MATTERS ARISING	
8.01	None	
9.00	HEADTEACHER'S REPORT	
9.01	<p>The Headteacher advised that he had completed the three statutory Headteachers reports he would give a verbal update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JESS Cluster Report Manager Report – The Headteacher distributed this report to governors and asked if there were any questions Q – Only 7 schools have returned the report, will this present a problem? A – No it's because they missed the deadline, the schools will make the return. Early Years Data – 48% of children achieved a good level of development in the 12 areas of assessment. This is an excellent achievement of progress as at the beginning of the year, 0% of children were on track to achieve this level. He added that the children who did not reach the levels are have EAL or SEN barriers. <p>The Headteacher proposes to address the gap between pupil premium and non-pupil premium which was 34%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phonics – 72% of children attained the expected levels (67% in 2015) the improvement is due to the good 	

teaching and the employment of an additional teaching assistant who has targeted this area.

In the current year 2, over 2 years 78% of children have reached expected levels. Work will continue on the children who did not meet the target.

- **KS1 Results**
61% have met age related expectations in reading
51% have met age related expectations in writing
64% have met age related expectations in maths
- **KS2**
35% have met age related expectations in reading
69% have met age related expectations in writing
60% have met age related expectations in maths
66% have met age related expectations in GPS
29% has met the combined standard in RWM

The figures are affected by the cohort of children and the number for whom resource provisions are necessary.

The Headteacher commented on the disappointing result in reading and reported that teachers had concentrated efforts on writing and maths as the changes had been greater.

8 children reached 95% or more and of the 30 children that did not achieve the age related expectations, 14 children are EAL, 8 of which are new to English and the test was very language heavy.

Points of improvement are to be included in the school improvement plan.

A new programme of reading will be introduced from September; all children will read for 30 minutes every day, 5 days per week.

Q – Will the data be included on the schools website?

A – Yes it is a statutory duty to publish the results. The SIP will detail how we propose to improve results in future.

The Governors agreed that this year had been a difficult year with changes to the curriculum and assessment. The Chair thanked the Headteacher on the good results in maths and writing.

- **Schools Dinners** – The Headteacher sought governor's approval to increase the price of school dinners from £2 to £2.10 per day. Each meal costs the school £2.30 so the

meals continue to be subsidised.

The governors agreed.

- **Resolved –**

School dinners to be increased to £2.10 per day from September

- School Milk – the Headteacher sought governor's agreement to increase the cost of milk from £12 per year to £15 per year. The milk continues to be subsidised by the school.

- **Resolved**

That the price of milk is increased to £15 per year.

- School Day - Due to the introduction of reading to the school day the Headteacher proposed that the school doors are opened at 8.50am instead of 9am in order for children to be ready to start lessons at 9am. In association with this, the lunch break will move from 12 to 12.10pm. The governors agreed.

- Appointments – The Headteacher advised that he proposed to recruited 1 x LSA in reception as reception children come without funding and often come in with a high level of need.

Following some resignations the Headteacher also advised that he wished to appoint 4 x SLAs.

- Alliance – the Headteacher advised that he had met with the Headteacher from Hunslet Carr it is agreed that there is no urgency in forming a partnership. The schools have decided to work together with support from the Local Authority. A memorandum of understanding will be drawn up.

The Headteacher commented that this was a good decision at the moment for the school it is developing its reputation to be known for its inclusive ethos, great links with Opera North and the developing arts, Good Leadership and Management and Teaching and Learning.

- Opera North - The Governors discussed the collaboration with the In Harmony Opera North Project. It was agreed that the project was an excellent opportunity. The Headteacher advised that there were sufficient funds to meet the costs (£25,000).

- **Resolved**

That the school join the In harmony project

- Afterschool Club – The afterschool club now operates 3.15 to 5pm, costs £3, provides a meal and has 20 places. The Headteacher asked whether staff should be able to

use the afterschool club for free on Wednesdays due to staff meetings

The governors agreed that the charge of £3 was not excessive so should be levied on teachers using the provision.

- Support Staff – The Headteacher informed governors that although not statutory, the support staff were given a short break when the children have a break. The proposal was that from September support staff would have a break.

- **Resolved:**

That Support staff would not have a break from Sept 2016.

- Staff Increments – The Performance Management process is currently being undertaken. Where relevant all teachers are moving up to the next point. There is one teacher who has requested a 2 up increase. This has been agreed as the member of staff hasn't requested a raise for 10 years.

10.00 COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.01 There have been no committee meetings since the last governing body meeting

9.00 PUPIL PREMIUM REPORT

9.01 Pupil Premium funding of £294,880 had been received into school for the academic year 2015/16. The Headteacher will populate the report with further data and will distribute.

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9.02 Q - Will the results trigger an Ofsted Inspection?
A – Although it is three years since the last Ofsted inspection, as there is no comparative data, Ofsted may not be prompted on this year's results.

10.00 SPORTS PREMIUM REPORT

10.01 The sports premium report was discussed at the last meeting. The Headteacher will distribute the report electronically

11.00 CHAIR'S BUSINESS (including correspondence)

- The Chair advised that she had received a Statutory Notification of Exclusions to complete. She will forward this to the Headteacher for completion.
- After school risk assessment has been received
- An invite to join Leeds` School Council for children over 10 has been received. To be passed to Kae Sinclair

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12.00 CLERK'S BUSINESS

12.01 The Clerk provided details of the governor briefing sessions

which were due to take place on:
Monday 18 July 2016 – 6.00pm-8.00pm
Thursday 21 July 2016 – 12.00pm – 2.00pm.

12.02 Neil Rhodes advised he will attend on 21 July 2016.

13.00 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

- DBS Checks – all now outstanding checks to be completed
- Sub-committee Chairs – to be discussed in September

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14.00 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

14.01 The Headteacher recommended that the Full Governing Body undertake a review of its effectiveness with a representative of the Governor Support Service and at that meeting agree the date of the meeting of Full Governing Body.

Meeting concluded at 7pm