

# Minutes of the Governing Body meeting held at Coldfall Primary School

Thursday 22 September at 6pm

<b>LA Governors</b>	<b>Parent Governors</b>	<b>Co-opted Governors</b>
Laura Butterfield (Chair)	Josie Dobrin	Monte Jacobson (Vice-Chair)
<b>Head Teacher Governor</b>	Ted Lowery	Laura Berman (LXB)
Evelyn Davies	Annette Thurgood	Fay Jackson (not present)
<b>Staff Governor</b>	<b>Others present</b>	Philippa Brewin
Will Desborough	Ewan Marshall (DHT)	Amanda Sklar
	Jane Robertson (Clerk)	Dan Walker

## Part 1

### 1 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Dan Walker and Amanda Sklar nominated Laura Butterfield as Chair. LB was duly elected as Chair.

Evelyn Davies and Annette Thurgood nominated Monte Jacobson as Vice Chair. After a vote, MJ was appointed Vice Chair of the governing body.

### 2 Apologies

Apologies had been received and were accepted from Fay Jackson.

### 3 Register of business interests

There are no changes to the Register of Interests. Forms will be distributed on Governor Visit Day.

### 4 Accuracy of minutes of the meeting on 14 July 2016 and matters arising not on the agenda

The minutes were declared an accurate record of the meeting and there were no matters arising that were not on the agenda.

### 5 Head Teacher's Report

ED gave a verbal report, starting by asking for any questions on the documents distributed before the meeting, specifically the data. RAISE Online will be available in late October. EM said that floor standards are important and 'coasting' schools are a new target. It is unlikely that Coldfall is 'coasting'. JD asked for the DfE's overall rationale for these changes in levelling, marking, grading. Schools have not been given one other than 'achievement and progress'.

Governors had been given the costed **School Evaluation Plan**. **This was approved by the GB.**

It has been a positive start to the new academic year. There are only 5 new children across the whole school, excluding Reception. There are 7 new GTAs and 4 NQTs, all of whom are positive and enthusiastic.

The new Maths scheme, Inspire Maths, has been introduced. Government is funding this scheme to the tune of 50% in some lower achieving schools but Coldfall does not fall into this category. This radically different approach is a fundamental change for teachers. Parents' workshops will be held in October / November to explain approach and help with homework. This scheme will be the focus of every teacher training day this year. Children are involved in transition units at this point in the term, with the exception of Year 1 who are starting from scratch. EM believes every child will achieve required standard. Teachers are not being observed teaching Maths this term. At this point, the consequences for Year 7 Maths are unknown; EM suggested that it is knowledge of the methodology and approach which will be important in the transition to Year 7. An introduction to Inspire Maths will be given to governors before the meeting on 9 February 2017 at 6pm.

## **6 Governing Body election**

An election will be held after the half term holiday. Terms of 3 parent governors expire at the end of November. They were asked to let the Clerk know whether it is their intention to stand again. Another parent of 2 children in the school has declared herself interested in standing.

## **7 Nursery provision at Coldfall**

Nursery provision is under review. There are 16 vacancies this year, most of them in the afternoon session. School is losing funding. Parents have been offered 'paid-for' hours in addition to their free 15, at a cost of £120 per week. Responses are being collated. Neighbouring schools provide varying options: OLM has closed its nursery; Rhodes Avenue operates from a separate purpose built play centre from 8am until 6pm.

Options were discussed, for example:

- a) Does Coldfall need a nursery?
- b) Should it run for school hours only or for the working day?
- c) Term time or all year round?
- d) Allow a private provider to establish a nursery at Coldfall?

It was agreed to ask the Teaching and Learning Committee to oversee this; local demand needs to be assessed and research is required into what is already available locally. In the meantime, staff will attend briefings and workshops held by Haringey for elucidation.

## **8 Committees**

**Membership:** will remain the same as last year except MJ will stand down from the Teaching and Learning Committee and DW will join.

**Finance and Site:** Annette Thurgood (Chair), Laura Butterfield, Evelyn Davies, Ted Lowery, Amanda Sklar, Phillipa Brewin, Laggi Efthymiou

**Personnel / HR:** Laura Butterfield (Chair), Evelyn Davies, Fay Jackson, Monte Jacobson

**Teaching, Learning and Assessment:** Evelyn Davies, Will Desborough, Laura Berman, Josie Dobrin, Dan Walker

The TLA Committee will also oversee the Teaching Schools agenda.

**Academy:** Philippa Brewin, Josie Dobrin, Fay Jackson, Tom Hassan, Ewan Marshall, Evelyn Davies, Laura Butterfield, Annette Thurgood and Laggi Efthymiou

Appeals, Disciplinary and Grievance panels will be constituted as required.

**Link governors:** will remain the same as last year:

**Safeguarding and SEN:** Laura Berman (Karen Robinson)

**Health and Safety:** Amanda Sklar (Laggi Efthymiou)

**English and EAL:** Josie Dobrin (Lorraine King)

**Maths:** Philippa Brewin (Ewan Marshall)

**Foundation Subjects:** Fay Jackson (Tom Hassan)

**EYFS:** Ted Lowery (Lorraine King)

**Green/Eco:** Josie Dobrin

**Teaching Schools:** Will Desborough (Dan Walker)

## **9 Policies for approval:**

It was agreed that the Pay and Appraisal Policies should be reviewed by the HR Committee.

**The Child Protection policy was agreed and ratified by the Governing Body.**

## **10 Safeguarding**

Governors' safeguarding training will be updated by Karen Robinson on Thursday 1 December at 6pm.

## **11 Pupil Premium**

The register has been updated and the offer expanded. Children will now be offered trips and visits off site that they may not otherwise experience.

## **12 Equalities**

This year's equalities statement on the school website has been updated to include the Artsmark.

## **13 AOB**

**Main hall:** this has reopened although there has been a leak from the roof, a faulty lighting system and poorly installed ventilation shafts. Repairs are underway.

Children from Pelican class had appeared on ITV's 'Good Morning Britain!' with their class teacher, Jo Hohl. They were writing about 'Something I wish my teacher knew about me'.

The agenda for **Governors in School Day** (Friday 7 October) will be emailed round the GB.

**The meeting closed at 7.15pm. The next full meeting of the GB will be held at 7pm on Thursday 1 December, with safeguarding training from 6pm.**