

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY

HELD AT LINDAL & MARTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

ON MONDAY 11TH MAY 2009

Present: P Bishop; J Dalziel; T Dalziel; S Fleming; A Grace; L Phelps
A Postlethwaite; V Smith; G White.
M Brown (from 7.05pm)
C Humphreys (from 7.30pm)

T Dalziel took the Chair.

71. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies, as all Governors were present.

72. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 26TH JANUARY 2009

All Governors agreed that they were a true and correct record of the meeting.

M Brown arrives at 7.05pm

73. MATTERS ARISING

3.122 & 55.8

With regard to the road markings and speed limits currently outside the school:

T Dalziel stated that he had not, as yet, been in contact with a Local Councillor or M.P. to try to gain their support for a reduction in the current speed limit. However, he would endeavour to make contact with Gary Thomas (Capita Symonds) as a follow up to previous communications between Mr Thomas and Mr Barlow.

T Dalziel went on to state that the Government are trying to pass a blanket change from speeds of 30mph in villages and towns to a speed limit of 20mph and felt that we may have to wait to get our way from this method as so far we haven't had much success from Capita.

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MATTERS ARISING (Continued)**53.2 *Policy of Financial Delegation***

Our “Policy of Financial Delegation” was presented at the FMSIS Audit on 26th February 2009 but not to the approval of the FMSIS Auditor and therefore needs updating.

LP**63. *FMSIS Action Plan***

3.2a *School unable to carry out benchmarking data due to non-availability of data on website.*

L Phelps stated that she is to complete details for inclusion on website.

LP**68.3 *Old School Reunion***

Mr Cornthwaite, who had attended LAMPS back in the 1940’s, came along with some of his former classmates on 7th May to celebrate his 70th Birthday. Mr Barlow also visited and gave the group a guided tour which was followed by a “Questions & Answers” session with our current pupils to find out how things have changed. The Northwest Evening Mail came and took photographs with a view to publishing an article, and Radio Cumbria also attended and recorded a piece to be aired the following morning.

74. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chair requested that Governors declare any vested interest in any Agenda item, or, any amendment to their recorded ‘Declaration of Interest’.

There were none received.

75. GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

There were no items for discussion.

76. HEADTEACHER’S REPORT

Copy of above circulated to all present and L Phelps read through it.

C Humphreys arrives at 7.30pm**77. BUILDINGS**

This item is to be covered under the next item (Finance Report / Budget Update – Item 78).

78. FINANCE REPORT / BUDGET UPDATE

See Confidential Items

79. GOVERNOR VISITS – UPDATE

There were the following Governor visits:

M Brown - Teaching of Recorders in Class 2.

P Bishop - visited to listen to pupils' reading. He had also been asked to judge the Children's Easter Photographic Competition. He stated that, whilst there hadn't been as many entries as usual, the standard was once again very high.

80. GOVERNOR TRAINING

There were no items for discussion.

81. TEACHING ASSISTANTS' REPORT

J Dalziel stated that, along with C Bleasdale and D Brown, they would be attending a "Woodland Wonders" course on 8th June, which would, hopefully, tie in nicely with "Forest Schools."

82. SCHOOL COUNCIL

Elections are to take place in due course.

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83. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1) ASBESTOS MONITORING

L Phelps stated that she has received a letter stating the need for all schools to do Asbestos Monitoring.

2) REVIEW OF THE PRIMARY CURRICULUM

L Phelps circulated the above document for Governors' perusal. L Phelps stated that she is to attend the Head's Workshop on 12th June 2009.

3) VISIT BY N FLEMING

N Fleming is to attend on Friday, 15th May to take photos for the village website.

4) SATs

See Confidential Items.

5) **COMPUTER ANIMATION CLASS**

L Phelps stated that her husband had offered to teach an after school class in Computer Animation.

6) **HEADTEACHER'S HOURS & STAFFING**

See Confidential Items.

7) **SCHOOLS INTERIM REPORT**

L Phelps said that she had received a complex questionnaire containing 21 questions for completion by the end of May which she hadn't even begun to fill in.

S Fleming asked: "Should we be asking our new Head to spend time on this, when she is just settling in to the School?"

All Governors agreed that her time would be best used elsewhere and as the completion of the document wasn't mandatory it could be ignored.

8) **FIBRE OPTICS FOR INTERNET**

T Dalziel stated that we are currently looking into the option of switching from Wi-Fi to fibre optics for our internet connection. BT had been contacted with a view to supply and would be in touch in due course.

84. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

See Addendum.

85. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Buildings & Resources Sub-Committee Meeting

Friday, 5th June, 2009; commencing at 3.30pm at LAMPS.

Full Governing Body Meeting

Monday, 22nd June, 2009; commencing at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.