



#### 115. FINANCIAL REPORT/BUDGET UPDATE

The budget has been accepted, and DGB has received the first print-out to put into the accounting system. The numbers look very healthy and as everyone is aware there is a healthy surplus which will be utilised in the major works which have now commenced. Numbers of pupils also look very healthy not only for the next intake but also for September 2007. The Playgroup was acknowledged as being a key factor in this, along with the hard work of the staff. DGB has also been able to replace any 'losses' of children, which again keeps the budget very healthy.

#### 116. SCHOOL PROFILE

As discussed at previous meetings this is a new on-line document which replaces the Annual Report to Parents. DGB explained that the template consists of various prompts and some statistical data pre-calculated; there is limited space for each answer which can be restrictive. DGB had been delegated the task of completion by the governors and the School Profile was circulated for discussion/approval. Initially DGB went through the document explaining where necessary and also highlighting the recurring anomaly that deems LAMPS is 'Broadly Average' even though the school was ranked 11th in the country for aggregated Level 5s and named in the 2004 Chief Inspector of School's report as a 'particularly successful school'! This is because children do particularly well at KS1 and therefore are expected to do well at KS2 and LAMPS is not credited with 'value adding'. DGB will issue an explanatory letter with the Profile to parents. A governor queried whether the Profile might seem to show that LAMPS is weighted in favour of the 'gifted and talented' end of the spectrum, and may be off-putting to prospective parents. DGB highlighted the paragraph answering the question 'How do we make sure our pupils are healthy, safe and well-supported?', where individual pupil needs are catered for, also in the final paragraph 'More Information'. Another governor queried whether explanations of educational acronyms were necessary; after discussion it was felt that most of those used would be understood and that because of the 'very open door' policy at LAMPS parents would come and ask if they needed further explanation. All governors agreed that the Profile should be approved and issued to parents - PROPOSED: A. Postlethwaite, SECONDED: A. Grace.

#### 117. HEALTH & SAFETY AUDIT

DGB informed the governors that was due in October 2006, and involved checking whether policies are up to date, risk assessments are in place and up to date, checking the accident book, and whether correct signage is in place etc. LAMPS has recently invested in a new risk assessment package which should help this process.

#### 118. S.E.F.

DGB informed that there are no updates at present. The S.E.F. will be updated when the SATs results are received; the Healthy Schools award can also be added.

#### 119. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Staffing - see Confidential Items

Curriculum - a new 3 year plan of topics has been worked out and will be used all the way through to 2009.

#### 120. BETTER WAYS TO SCHOOL

In the absence of CH there was nothing to report.

#### 121. GOVERNOR VISITS - UPDATE

P. Bishop has been in to listen to readers and also attended and aided the 'Great Tesco Run', along with C. Humphreys.

A. Grace attended the Architectural Workshops.

#### 122. GOVERNOR TRAINING

In the absence of the Link Governor the Clerk informed she had the 2006-7 programme and would copy it to any governor who so wished. P. Bishop, A. Postlethwaite and A. Grace requested copies.

ACTION: C PARTRIDGE

#### 123. TEACHING ASSISTANTS REPORT

No report for this meeting. See Confidential Items.

#### 124. SCHOOLS COUNCIL

There has been no meeting of the Schools Council since the last governors meeting.

#### 125. A.O.B.

1. DGB informed the governors that the National Curriculum for Maths and English is set to change in September 2006 - however it is still only in draft format. (A consultation document had been received but it came at a particularly busy time in the school calendar and the time scale for return was only 2 weeks!). The Maths curriculum doesn't look very different, the big changes are in English. The current curriculum is based on 'speaking and listening', reading and writing - now public speaking, communication, communication in groups and drama have been added, (all of which are practised at LAMPS already). The main change is in reading and how it is taught, using 'synthetic phonics' - currently there are no materials or training available. In September Karin Thompson is going on a Reading Intervention Programme, which is a big commitment and a very specialised course. The scheme started in New Zealand, where it was deemed very successful, and has been adopted by Cumbria for use with children who are not coping with normal methods or still struggling after initial learning.
2. DGB has received a request from Mrs. B. Heaton to complete Teaching Assistants training in DGB's class - this will commence in September 2006.
3. See Confidential Items
4. The Clerk informed that she had received a new publication from the Governor Support Team, called Governors' Briefing, which replaces all others (i.e. Cumbrian Governor, In the Chair). Three paper copies would be received, for the Clerk, the Chair and the Link Governor and another through the portal for DGB. The Clerk informed that it was a useful publication, highlighting current issues succinctly, and that if any governor wished to receive one then she would photocopy and circulate accordingly. P. Bishop and A. Postlethwaite wished to take up the offer. ACTION: C PARTRIDGE  
The Clerk had also received some stickers advertising a free governor helpline, which she would circulate with the minutes.
5. The Clerk informed that the decision had been taken to undertake the normal end of year 'SWOT' analysis at the beginning of the next academic year, and it would be included on the next agenda. ACTION: C PARTRIDGE

126. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

See addendum.

127. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

MONDAY 25th September, 2006 - 1900hrs at LAMPS.

The meeting closed at 20:15hrs