

# ESSEX SCHOOL GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the Executive Committee

Held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2010, 19.15 hrs

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<p><b>Executive Members Present –</b>                  John Hunter (Chairman), Greta Taylor (Vice Chair), Joyce Woodham (Treasurer),                  Tosca Boothman (Secretary) Ruth Bird, Gina Field, Pamela Higham, Rod Lane, David Lenz,                  Elizabeth Marshall, &amp; Margaret Potter.                  Governor Services Representative - Rosemarie Lunn.                  The minutes for this meeting were kindly taken by Joyce Woodham.</p>		<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Apologies for absence -</b>                  Brian Pead and Malcolm Fincken.</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Minutes -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Minutes of the AGM held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010.</b></li> <li>- <b>Minutes of Executive Annual Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2010.</b></li> <li>- <b>The minutes were approved subject to title being amended on AGM minutes.</b></li> </ul> <p>Greta said that we, as an Executive, should have been proposed and seconded.                  The Chair stated that a proposal was made that all members are re-elected, there were no objections to this at the AGM.</p>	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising –</b>                  No matters arising.</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Notification of Any Other Business -</b>                  Other business- to be taken at end of meeting.</p>	
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Membership –</b>                  Members were asked to update their details on the web-site + a photograph.                  Tosca will bring a camera to the next meeting.                  Members were also asked to ensure that Owen has the information for the Minutes of LA meetings that we attend to go on our web-site.</p>	
<b>6.</b>	<p>Correspondence -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Early Years have been turned down by Gov. for funding. Funding now 90% on places &amp; 10% on pupils. Some schools will lose £50,000. Schools with vacancies will have difficulties. Funding now is on the number of pupils. Private nurseries are more flexible to parents needs.</li> <li>b) Extended services funding finishes next year.</li> <li>c) When we meet Terry must remind him that we need representation on 14-19 age group.</li> <li>d) TASCCs are now in Multi agency allocation (MAG) in the 5 Quintiles.</li> <li>e) LDGs are setting up Community Interest Companies. There can be a nightmare of legislation, e.g. where is the money coming from, who will pay redundancy, etc.</li> <li>f) Ask Terry about National Challenge schools – Academies proposals.</li> <li>g) National Challenge Strategies in Literacy and Numeracy. What will be the effects on staffing? Finance ends March 2011 or 2010.</li> <li>h) Ask Terry about updates on - Trusts, Federations and Academies and CAF.</li> </ul>	
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Chairman’s Report -</b>                  There was no report.</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Treasurer’s Report -</b>                  Treasurer’s report £2,247.00 in Deposit Account and £2,247 in Current Account.                  Billericay LDG have spent £27.50 on a networking session with governors. The LA would like us to invoice ALL schools for subscription (about double the amount I already do) - I said ‘no’</p>	

9.	<b>Governors Annual Conference -</b> All planning is complete about 285 governors are attending including 8 members of the Exec.	
10.	<b>Communication Meetings -</b> a) John arranged attendance at the next round of meetings. b) 45 Schools in Harlow are looking to forming a Trust. c) There was also a warning that ALL visitors to schools must have clearance. d) Rosemarie's crib sheet was much appreciated, copy to be circulated.	<b>RL</b>
11.	<b>Governor Training -</b> a) 'Hot' topics - suggested these should be done in LDG's. b) Governors to arrange meeting of governors in LDG's, there are funds available to pay for refreshments.	
12.	<b>Newsletter -</b> a) Margaret to write about AGM. b) No further Newsletters to be produced. c) News sheets may be produced for special topics. d) Gina thanked Editorial committee for their work. e) Information will now be on our web-site, regularly updated and through e-bulletin.	
13.	<b>Any Other Business -</b> a) BSF, Jo Lang, Strategic Development Partnership Officer has approached us requesting support for a planned BSF governor network. She is aware that many governors find the process of BSF daunting, and now that Wave 4 Sample Schools are very close to build, we do have governors who have been through the process and who could support those in Waves 5 and 6. John Hunter will take this forward with Jo. It was agreed to give £100 for two meetings to be used for refreshments for governors. b) CAF, if parents will not co-operate send info. to Safeguarding Unit. c) Attendance must go through CAF! d) Children's Trusts - there is a need for a two-way communication between Trusts and Governors of schools. e) At the Conference, John will ask Chairs for email addresses for e-communication or for them to go to the web-site for info. f) GSET. How up-to-date are the questions/criteria? g) Formula Funding- there is only one governor on this group. David Lenz was co-opted to this group. h) SIP the role of the SIP is still under consultation - members were asked to respond.	
14.	<b>Date and Time of Next Meeting -</b> Next meeting - 13 <sup>th</sup> May, 2010	
	The meeting finished at 9.15 pm.	