

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNORS' MEETING
Held on Sunday 6th February 2011, at 4.00 p.m. – 6.00 P.M.

Present: PE-J Mr Philip Eyton-Jones – Chairman
 SA Mr Stuart Ayres
 JC Ms Judith Corbett
 MH Mrs Maria Hammersley
 TH Mr Tony Hannigan
 MHe Dr Markus Hesselning
 BH Mrs Barbara Hughes
 PM Mr Phil McGreevy,
 KM Mrs Karen Morris
 LO Dr Liz Oliver
 ST Dr Sally Tansley

In Attendance: AS Miss Anne Spiller - Clerk to the Governors

Apologies: MJ Mrs Meiriol Jones, JK Miss Jane Kennedy, MK Dr Mick Kumwenda &
 CS Mrs Catherine Simpson

	Action
<p>1. REVIEW PRESENT SITUATION RE: HEADTEACHER ADVERT</p> <p>With advice from D.C.C. HR Section it had been suggested that it would be better to place a joint advert in The Liverpool Daily Post with Bron Dyffryn School. A meeting was held on 17th Jan at Bron Dyffryn with their Governors, H.R. staff & the Bursar. Bron Dyffryn Governors subsequently changed their minds and advertised in the TES. PE-J went ahead with our agreed advert in the T.E.S. on Friday 28th Jan The details of the vacancy were published on D.C.C. & St B's website on Thursday 27th Jan.</p>	<p>AS</p> <p>PEJ</p> <p>AS</p>
<p>2. DISCUSS E-mail FROM HYWYN WILLIAMS (28.1.11)</p> <p>Prior to this e-mail. Rita Price (RP) had requested a meeting with Hywyn Williams (HW) to discuss a Joint appointment with BEJ. HW subsequently sent his e-mail to PE-J who contacted HW . HW - A view had been forced by the Diocese that a Joint Headship was in our interest.</p> <p>ST BRIGID'S GOVERNOR'S RESPONSE:</p> <p>The Chairman reminded governors that the suggestion had originally started two years previously when Dr Mahmet had approached the school to consider enlargement to resolve problems faced in Rhyl.</p> <p>Many meetings had taken place in the meanwhile, the last being in the previous November, when both Bishops agreed to produce a joint 'Vision Document' by early January. This had not yet appeared.</p> <p>SBS and BEJ were very different schools; 3-19 and 11-16. There had been no consultation with parents. Hence this was premature.</p> <p>Members made several points, which the Chairman would put in a statement to be presented to the Meeting called by both Bishops for the 10th February at St Asaph.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * St B's were not recognised by the Catholic Diocese. * Remote Headship. Completely different schools. * What's in it for us? * What would the Diocese bring to St B's? * If we choose not to federate & remain as we are there needs to be a demonstrable benefit to us. * Need to proceed in the short term to appoint our Headteacher. 	<p>PEJ</p>

Questions:

How do they see envisage this working?

What is the infrastructure?

How do they see the finance for the upkeep of St B's?

How do they see it as an operating in practise?

Urban/Rural catchment – different pupil base.

How long do they see the current interim measure operating?

Ask the L.E.A. – What guarantee that we would be able to maintain the momentum we have in the school?

3. ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS

- (i) Still awaiting response from the Bishops on their joint vision Document, this had been due in mid January.
- ii) Catherine Brittain had retired on ill-health grounds. There was an Acting Head at BEJ.
- iii) Letter from Alison Duncan had gone to D.H.S.parents saying she was due to retire in 2012, but she indicated that she had received advice that she could go sooner on E.V.Retirement 09/11.
- (iv) Demographics – Falling roles, it was understood that (D.H.S. had reduced by 200 pupils in the last 2 yrs).
- (v) HW had stated – D.C.C. cannot make us federate, had to be completely voluntary.
- (vi) Bishop Edwin sees that St Joseph's (Wrexham) in his opinion is a great success. The results had yet to be analysed.