

LIVERPOOL GOVERNANCE FORUM

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 10:15 on 21.3.23 at
Mosspsits Lane Primary School, Mosspsits Lane, Liverpool L15 6UN

Meeting commenced at 10:35

1.0 STANDARD ITEMS:

1.1 Welcome and Apologies

Present: Joyce Smith, David Owens, David Blythe, Cliff Barton,
Dave Cadwallader, Michael Morris, Barbara Murray

Apologies: Andy Chadwick, Ian Smith, Richard Lovegrove, Marlene Taylor,
Hayley Igbokwe, Danielle Azanuwha, Maureen McDaid,
Avril O'Brien,

Guest speakers:

Jonathan Dixon, Liverpool Resonate Education Music Hub

1.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

No changes to previous information were declared.

1.3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting had already been agreed upon by email and posted on the LGF website.

1.4 Matters Arising

Actions	
1. Bank information to be shared with DO	DB
2. Information regarding the Conference to be shared with DC for inclusion in Governors Termly News	DB
3. LLP to be approached regarding existing hate crime/incident training	DC

1. DO confirmed that he has spoken with the Bank of Scotland who can offer LGF an account where no fees are payable. It was proposed by DO, seconded by DB, and unanimously agreed that the LGF bank account with HSBC should be closed and a new account be set up with the Bank of Scotland. It was noted that would need to be a crossover period whilst one account was closed and the new account opened. It is envisaged the new account will be in operation for the start of the next academic year (September 2023). DO and DB are to work towards this aim.
2. Addressed by the agenda.
3. Addressed by the agenda.
4. Governors were asked to note that the last meeting of this academic year will be held on 11.7.23 not 11.6.23 as recorded in the previous LGF minutes.

2.0 LGF Matters and Events

2.1 Finance

DB confirmed the LGF bank account, as of 01.03.23 stands at £3754.42. It was noted that the annual website maintenance invoice (£575) and conference charges are yet to be paid. LGF subscriptions are to be collected via the Headteachers Associations in the summer term.

2.2 Feedback from Events

Not Applicable

2.3 Future Events

LGF Conference arrangements – DC confirmed that he had shared information regarding the forthcoming LGF conference on Governor News. DB confirmed that he has already received 16 expressions of interest from governors along with 7 confirmed bookings from LGF members. DC is to continue to advertise the conference in future additions of Governor News.

2.4 Website

DB reported that the website is up to date.

2.5 Twitter Account

Governors continue to monitor the use of Twitter in the light of the recent change in ownership. It was noted that initial concerns may have been unfounded.

2.6 Others

Not Applicable

3.0 Feedback from Representatives

3.1 Liverpool Schools Forum

CB confirmed that schools are now aware of their funding for the next financial year. Deficit recovery plans were discussed at the last LSF meeting as were ways in which to clawback school's excessive underspends.

DB commended that documentation shared at the meeting had been helpful.

3.2 LLP Executive Board

DC confirmed that he is meeting with Danielle Azanuwha, Neelam Chohan, Danielle Sewoo, and her line manager on 24.3.23 to discuss how governors can support hate crime training for schools/governors.

3.3 LLP All Learners

Not Applicable. Noted the next meeting will be held after Easter.

3.4 LLP Learners Who Need More

Whilst it was acknowledged that the Transition Form, completed by each school to accompany new pupils, is an improvement on the previous system however concern was expressed that the form may not include all applicable information e.g., information on pupil's relationships with peers etc.

BM commented that an electronic form which could be amended/added to may be an option in future.

3.5 Liverpool Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP)

DB confirmed he had shared information with governors regarding Child Exploitation Awareness Day on behalf of DA.

3.6 Other

Springwood Heath School is unable to host the LGF meeting planned for 16 May 2023. Governors were asked if their individual schools could be a possible venue. BM later confirmed that Childwall Valley Primary School would be able to host the meeting.

DC confirmed that requests for schools to host LGF meetings are regularly made in Governor News and the request will also be made at the forthcoming LGF conference.

4.0 Other Items:

Not applicable

The meeting concluded at 11:28

Actions	
New bank account to be arranged by September 2023	DO/DB
Continue to advertise the LGF Conference on Governor Hub	DC

The next LGF meeting will be held at Childwall Valley Primary School, Craighurst Rd, Liverpool L25 1NW on 16.5.23 at 10:00

APPENDIX A

Jonathan Dixon, Liverpool Resonate Education Music Hub shared a power point presentation on The Power of Music to Change Lives – A National Plan for Music Education. The presentation had originally been shared with Headteachers in September 2022.

J Dixon is to forward the presentation to be distributed to governors and uploaded to the LGF website. He highlighted that documents he may refer to in his presentation can be accessed via a link embedded in the power point presentation.

As part of the presentation J Dixon highlighted that a ‘refreshed’ National Plan for Music Education (NPME2) had been released in summer 2022. He also noted that Music is the only subject that has a national plan outside of the core subjects. This recognises that, for children to access good music education, additional resources must be in place that a school may not be able to offer. He said that Ofsted’s desire to see a broad and balanced curriculum in schools put a spotlight on the provision of music in the curriculum.

J Dixon quoted the DFE’s desire for schools to enable all children and young people to learn to sing, play an instrument and create music together and have the opportunity to progress their musical interests.

J Dixon highlighted the important themes and changes of NPME2, and what should schools focus on going forward:

- What music education should look like at each Key Stage.
- There should be Music subject Leadership.
- School should have a Music Development Plan.
- Aim for 1 hour music per week with no carousels.
- Evidence of progression not just activity.
- Value and support instrumental learning.
- Whole class ensemble tuition to continue.
- Aim for choir and at least 1 ensemble/school band.
- Pupils to have access to live music performance.

J Dixon assured governors that Resonate could support schools in delivering the above requirements.

J Dixon highlighted the events planned as a result of the city hosting the Eurovision Song Contest 2023. These included:

- Eurovision 2023 – Song Writing Festival
- Work pack for schools
- Euro Brass
- #100VoicesUnited including a Ukrainian Childrens choir which will be going on tour
- Schools EuroConcert Live
- MiHi Eurovision with Liverpool University
- iSing 2023 19/20 June at Philharmonic hall.

J Dixon said he was happy to answer any questions.

DC asked how many schools bought their own instruments rather than accessing them through Resonate. J Dixon replied that only a few schools could afford to buy a class set of instruments and gave the example that two years ago a trumpet cost £85, today the same instrument costs £200. He stated that Resonate is able to buy instruments in bulk and then 'sell' a package, including quality tuition to a school. J Dixon acknowledged that a school may be able to buy in cheaper tuition but it would still have to provide the instruments. All Resonate tutors adhere to current safeguarding criteria.

CB enquired where the 100 children for the #100Voices United choir came from. J Dixon replied the majority came from Liverpool secondary schools (St Hilda's, St Julies, Notre Dame) as well as St Vincent's and other individual pupils. All Liverpool schools were contacted and invited to take part. The participants were chosen from those who expressed an interest.

MM commented that it was good that the curriculum is being broadened and asked if J Dixon thought the coming academisation programme would pose a threat to Resonate. J Dixon replied that National Plan refers to schools and academy trusts equally so the need to provide music tuition will exist in academies. He acknowledged that academies could source their tuition from other providers although he was confident the quality of the service provided by Resonate would ensure their continued success.

MM thanked J Dixon for his informative presentation.