

LIVERPOOL GOVERNANCE FORUM

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 10:00 on 12.7.22 at
Archbishop Blanch School, 80 Earle Rd, Liverpool L7 6HQ 10:00

1.0 STANDARD ITEMS:

1.1 Welcome and Apologies

Present: Maureen McDaid (Vice Chair), David Blythe (Hon Secretary), Cliff Barton, Dave Cadwallader, David Owens, Marlene Taylor, Richard Lovegrove, Danielle Azanuwha, Avril O'Brien

Apologies: Michael Morris (Chair), Andy Chadwick, Kathy Desmond

Guest speaker: Elaine Rees, Liverpool Learning Partnership

1.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was no alteration to the existing declarations

1.3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

1.4 Matters Arising

Summary of Actions	
LGF Conference venue to be confirmed - confirmed	DC
Clarification re name of Liverpool Safeguarding Board/Partnership – see 3.5	DC
P Hartley to be contacted re viewing items on the LGF website – actioned	DB
A O'Brien to be contacted re Twitter account update – See 2.5	DB
SEND JCB emails to be forwarded to MMc – actioned MT thanked.	MT

It was noted that Jonathan Jones, Director of Education is to speak on the subject of Academisation at a meeting to be held at Archbishop Blanch School on 12.7.22. His presentation will include much of the information he shared at the last LGF meeting. The meeting was arranged in answer to requests for more information from Chairs of Governing Boards. It was noted academisation is likely to proceed even if there were to be a change of government because of the legal ramifications if there were to be a change of direction.

2.0 LGF Matters and Events

2.1 Finance

DB confirmed that the LGF bank account balance was £3866.62 as of end of June 2022. It was noted that there were items of expenditure and income still to be reconciled.

DB highlighted that income will be detrimentally affected in future because of schools becoming academies and therefore not renewing their subscription. It was noted that it may be necessary to charge for LGF conferences in future. This issue is to be discussed at a future LGF meeting.

2.2 Feedback from Events

LGF Conference was held at Partnership for Learning on 2.7.22. DB had shared the summary report of the conference and Dr Neil Stanley's power point presentation prior to today's meeting. Both have been uploaded to the LGF website.

DB reported that he had contacted each of the 15 attendees individually to thank them for their attendance at the conference but had only received 1 response to date.

DA asked if LGF intended to accept Dr Stanley's offer to address a meeting. It was suggested that schools may benefit from seeing the presentation. This is to be discussed at a future LGF meeting.

2.3 Future Events

The next LGF meeting is to be held on 13 September 2022 at Hope School. R Naik, Headteacher to speak about Attachment and Trauma. Hope School is currently working with Chester University and ARC (Attachment Research Community) in developing a framework to become an attachment and trauma responsive school.

The LGF AGM is expected to be held at the end of October/early November. The possibility of changing the time of the meeting to the evening in an attempt to attract better attendance is to be discussed with MM. It was noted that an evening meeting

may incur additional costs.

2.4 Website

DB reported that the website is up to date.

2.5 Twitter Account

AO'B reported that there are currently 664 followers, an increase from 510 followers previously. AO'B confirmed that she advertises LGF events on the Twitter account as well as her own twitter account. Members encouraged to retweet messages to reach a wider audience.

2.6 Others

N/A

3.0 Feedback from Representatives

3.1 Liverpool Schools Forum

The next meeting of the Liverpool School's Forum is to be held on 13.7.22. Items for discussion at the meeting includes city wide school budgets, end of year school balances. It was noted that the DFE are aware that schools have found it difficult to complete planned works due to the pandemic and appear to be sympathetic to underspent budgets.

MMc asked if members had an update on LA energy contracts. There was no response.

3.2 LLP Executive Board

A meeting took place on 14.6.22 where the LLP Review was presented.

It was noted that there were no LGF representatives at the meeting. Members were asked to try to find a member to deputise for them if unable to attend a meeting.

3.3 LLP All Learners

DO attended the last meeting. Covered by E Rees presentation.

3.4 LLP Learners Who Need More

DO and DA attended the meeting that was held on 25.5.22 (by Zoom). The focus of the meeting was Mental Health and highlighted, in particular the mental health of year 6 pupils during their transition to year 7. Noted this was an issue raised by E Rees in her presentation – see Annex A

3.5 Liverpool Safeguarding Children Partnership

DC explained that previously Frank McFarlane served as the representative for school governors on LSCP. The LSCP meet quarterly and focus on specific safeguarding areas. The representative's role is to share information and findings from the meetings.

The question of LGF members stretching themselves too thin was raised. DC noted that governor representation had been directly requested by LSCP.

RL and DA volunteered to act as LGF future representatives at LSCP meetings.

AO'B enquired if an overview was available of forthcoming committee/partnership meetings existed as this would help members identify if they are able to commit to representing LGF. DB confirmed that he continues to share this information with members.

It was noted that academies can buy into the safeguarding services/training provided by LLC.

3.6 Other

Not applicable.

4.0 Other Items

4.1 NGA

Noted NGA is to be removed from future LGF agendas. Items will be dealt with under 4.2 Other in future. It was noted that LGF still subscribe to NGA.

4.2 Other

Not applicable.

The meeting concluded at 11:18

Next meeting:

10:00 on Tuesday 13 September 2022 at Hope School, 251 Hartsbourne Ave, Liverpool L25 2RY.

Annex A

Elaine Rees provided an update on Liverpool Learning Partnership highlighting the recent 10 year review of LLP. The review was conducted by Malik Killen.

It was noted that LLP is a registered charity and currently charge only a £2.00 per pupil subscription. E Rees stated that LLP is currently enjoying its best subscription ever and has had enquiries from schools on the Wirral who wish to subscribe to LLP's services.

Please refer to the power point presentation that has been uploaded to the LGF website. The 10 Year Review to also be made available to LGF members (subsequently sent out by DB with the LLP Weekly Briefing on 15th July 2022).

In addition to the review E Rees highlighted the following:

Secondary Reading Festival had taken place this term. She commented that although there had not been a great take-up, those who had participated were very appreciative, especially of the diversity of authors.

WSA review and celebration of those supporting mental health across the city had taken place.

80% of the online forms for year 6 pupils transitioning to year 7 were completed on time. Secondary Schools were appreciative and found the background information on individual pupils beneficial. Live transition events were held in several schools including Holly Lodge, Bluecoat and Florence Melly School. It was noted that Summer Schools are to be held over the holidays but funding limits what LLP can do in this area.

An art new initiative called Brand New World was well received. This involved 6 schools, 72 pupils from 3 secondary and 3 special schools. The pupil's artwork was displayed in the Liverpool Maritime Museum. Positive feedback was received from both parents and pupils.

Funding has been obtained for a further art initiative involving primary schools on the subject of Portraits. It is hoped to eventually display the artwork in the Walker Art Gallery.

E Rees was thanked for her informative presentation.