

Derbyshire School Governors' Association
Annual General Meeting 2011
Secretary's Report.

Regular monthly meetings of the executive sub-committee have continued to be well attended. Members have also attended several local and national events for governors.

Since our meetings are open to all governors, several have also been attended by occasional visitors. The sub-committee would also encourage ideas from governors about how to increase the scope of its support for governors.

Our Chair, Paul Mason, has also played an active role at the national level of the national executive of the National School Governors and remains a vital link between local and national developments which are of importance to governors.

Working relationships with Derbyshire County Council are maintained through regular meetings with the County Council Cabinet Member for Education, Mike Longden, at which our members' concerns and suggestions are freely discussed.

A few continuing examples of this are :

- Possible representation of DSGA on relevant county council committees,
- The impact of spending restrictions,
- Developing communication between DCC and DSGA
- The maintenance of the DCC/DSGA formal agreement on co-operation.

The Chair and two others are also members of the Derbyshire Schools' Forum, which means that DSGA is able to keep well up-to-date with developments, particularly with regard to school financing. DSGA has also played a part in the discussions about the recent restructuring of the schools' funding formula.

Thanks to the efforts of Martin Brader, the DSGA website (www.dsga.org.uk) continues to flourish. Now DSGA has a direct and cost-effective means of communication with schools and our members. The intention is to publish information of topical value to local members, such as Guidance on the New Academies Bill, and details of the DCC governors training programme for 2011.

John Partington
Secretary DSGA.