

Derbyshire School Governors' Association

**Executive Committee meeting held at County Hall, Matlock, on Wednesday
27 January 2010.**

Minutes

Present: John Partington, Martin Brader, Linda Du-Roe, Paul Mason (Chair), Barbara Arrandale, Peter Thorne

Apologies: Stuart Conway, Mahalia Titterton

Minutes of previous meeting. These were approved.

Matters arising: Points raised were:

Current issues and reports.

Local: Martin Brader reported that the governance group for a 14-19 cluster of schools formed in Chesterfield was now active. It was agreed that DSGA would keep in touch with such local groups.

National:

It was reported that Emma Knight had been appointed to replace Phil Revell as Chief Executive of NGA, with effect from the end of January.

There is considerable concern both locally and nationally about recent developments at OfStEd. It appears that governors are to be interrogated more thoroughly during inspections– even at times when they are unlikely to be readily available. Members felt that there is danger of overloading governors generally.

NGA felt that the growth of telecommunications and photocopying had led to wider availability of NGA publications, and this has contributed to some decline in membership. DSGA is urged to recruit fellow governors.

The promised restructuring of early years' funding has now been deferred.

Credit balances of over 5% (primary) and 8% (secondary) may be retained on submission of enhanced evidence relating to the project(s) they are to support.

A new consultation about the role of SIP has been launched.

Regional

Members had nothing to report.

DGSA.

DCC budget planning is underway.

Schools may be required to contribute to a fund which would be used to mitigate any anomalies created by the introduction of single spine remuneration.

Martin Brader reported increased use of the DGSA website.

Finance: Because of his absence the Treasurer had agree to circulate papers for the present meeting to members.

Future apologies: John Partington gave his apologies for the meeting on 24 March 2010

John Partington
Hon. Secretary.
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