

The Friary School

Minutes of a Meeting of the Governors held in the School on Wednesday, 30 June, 2010 at 5.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. S. James (Chair), Mrs. J. Gleig, Mr. D. Gleig,
Mrs. P. Beale, Mrs. J. Davison, Mr. S. Cox, Mr. R. Cox,
Mrs. C. Rovetto, Mr. K. Forster, Mr. I. Liston-Brown,
Mrs. C. Boliver, Mr. D. Lister, Mr. C. Linster

Mr. I. Rose (Deputy Headteacher) and Mr. R. Mountford (Clerk
to the Governors) were also present.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from
Mrs. F. Robertson, Mrs. A. Haywood and Mrs. J. Arnstein.

2691 Declaration of Business Interests:

It was resolved –

That no declarations of business interests appertaining to items
covered on the agenda were received.

2692 Minutes:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 March 2010, having been circulated,
were taken as read and approved.

It was resolved -

That they be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

2693 Chair - Power to Act:

See confidential minute.

2694 Headteacher's Report:

The Headteacher presented his report on the work and activities of the school
since the last meeting.

It was resolved -

That the Headteacher be thanked for his detailed report and that it be
received.

Arising out of the Report:

The Headteacher reported on:

a) **The New Intake**

- currently at the Published Admission Number of 210 but three appeals pending.

b) **Staffing**

- the pleasing recent Design and Technology appointment to cover a maternity leave and the procedures underway to cover an extended maternity leave in Physical Education
- the imminent appointment to the new post of Business Manager following very careful planning.

Governors' participation in the appointment process was agreed.

c) **Curriculum Development**

- the completion of planning relating to the restructuring of the school day for 2010-11, including to allow inter institution collaboration for the Key Stage Four Diplomas and post-16 courses
- the choice made by some incoming sixth formers to take a collegiate course elsewhere and by external students to take the school's Performing Arts course
- the crucial importance of maintaining and strengthening the vibrancy of sixth form provision.

d) **Premises**

- the very significant problems faced regarding the security of a very large site
- the need to improve signage for visitors
- the plans to refurbish the sixth form centre.

e) **Student Issues**

- the option during recent warm weather for students to remove blazers and ties and their continued wearing by some students as well as the tactful action taken to address girls' wearing of short skirts
- the on going consideration given to the uniform policy and to its implementation
- the introduction of assessment grading and ranking for effort and the positive parental feedback received.

f) **School Achievements**

- the very impressive achievements of many students in a wide range of activities as evidenced by the Friary

Files, the Performing Arts video, the Lower School production of Bugsy Malone and the Friary Team Sports Roll of Honour.

g) **School Effectiveness**

- the judgement, informed by internal quality assurance and supported by the School Improvement Partner (SIP), that the school was operating as good for teaching and learning and for leadership and management
- the recent assessment by the SIP of the school's submission for re-designation as a specialist school, with thanks to Mr. Hackfath for his work on the submission.

2695 Committee Reports:

a) **Premises Committee**

It was resolved -

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Premises Committee held on 19 May 2010 be received and accepted.

b) **Personnel Committee**

It was resolved -

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Personnel Committee held on 7 June 2010 be received and accepted.

Matters Arising:

i) **LA Safer Recruitment Audit**

Mrs. Rovetto stated that an action plan addressing the audit report recommendations had been approved by the Committee.

ii) **Pay Progression**

The Headteacher reported that the appropriate documentation was in place.

c) **Finance and General Purposes Committee**

It was resolved -

That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 24 May and 14 June 2010 be received and accepted.

