

Arnside National School
Minutes of the Governor Meeting held on Tuesday 29th April 2014 at 7.00pm

Mr Dudley opened the meeting at 7pm and welcomed the attending governors.

Present: Mr A Cook, Mr I Dudley, Mr A Capeling, Mr N Sharp, Rev'd D Cooper, Mrs L Brough, Mrs G Deane, Mr G Jones, Mr G Beaumont, Mrs M Inchmore.

Apologies: Mrs J Bratt and Mr D Adair.

Declarations of Interest in respect of Agenda Items: There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the last meeting were proposed as a true record by Rev'd D Cooper, seconded by Mr G Jones and all governors present voted in favour.

Mrs N Till arrived at the meeting.

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Headteacher's Report: Mr Cook talked the governors through his report commenting that there were several outstanding enquiries from prospective parents and that there were 13 pupils due to start in the Reception class in September with 19 Year 6 pupils leaving in July. Mr Cook outlined his role with School to School support, he is currently working with two local schools.

OFSTED Dashboard – School Data update: Mr Cook explained the data dashboard figures and the Department for Education Performance Tables telling governors that Arnside was among the top performing schools in the country. Thanks were given to all the staff, teachers and support staff for their hard work and commitment that resulted in this achievement.

Class/staff organisation: It is proposed that there will be five classes in the educational year 2014/2015. It is envisaged that staffing will remain the same as this year.

Finance Report: Mr Beaumont gave the following update on figures:

Barclays Community Fund	2818.18
Annie Inchboard Memorial Scholarship Fund	3847.91
CCLA Investment Management Ltd	<u>3556.37</u>

Total **£10,222.46**

Mr Dudley reported that the school budget is looking healthier than anticipated but that our income will fall next year due to there being fewer pupils on roll this year. There is the probability that we will carry over 10% of the budget into the next financial year.

Approval of the 2012 - 2013 accounts was discussed; further guidance will be sought regarding the need for a full governor review of accounts prior to acceptance by the members at the AGM of the Academy Trust.

Buildings Report: Mr Cook reported that he had been notified on the 28th April that we had not been successful in our bid for our proposed building work. We were given feedback on the criteria for the bid, we achieved 66% but needed 72% before the bid would be successful. It was anticipated that we would submit again next year, rewording the bid and adding that the development plan for Arnside included more affordable small home new builds.

Mr Cook thanked Fleur McCarten, (parent and architect), for her time and expertise in putting the bid together.

Teaching Schools/CASL/LASL update: Mr Cook gave a breakdown on the roles Teaching Schools/CASL (Cumbria Alliance of System Leaders) and LASL (Local Alliance of System Leaders) currently fulfil in Cumbria. Our local authority has reduced the number of school improvement officers and the Teaching Schools have taken on their role. The local authority co-ordinates admissions to schools, special needs, the responsibility for standards and maintaining governor support. Individual schools now buy-in to their local Teaching School Alliance to provide specialist help as they require it. There are seven groups of Teaching School Alliances throughout Cumbria. There is major upheaval in the education world with a vision that every school in the country will be an academy by 2016, not as stand-alone academies but within multi-academy trusts. Arnside is positively involved with all new initiatives that are taking place.

School Meals: Mr Cook has met with a possible provider of school meals, Orian (Capita), and was told that it would be a logistical challenge to provide meals from September 2014. All options are being considered at this time and a meeting of the County Council is due to take place on Thursday 1st May after which more information regarding options should become available.

Mr Dudley congratulated Mrs Lindy Sharp on her recent marriage, Mrs Sharp will now be known as Mrs Lindy Brough.

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 23rd September 2014 at 7pm.

Mr Dudley closed the meeting at 8.05pm.

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Mr I Dudley (Chair of Governors)

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