



The new cover supervisors are settling in well. There are some support staff vacancies, which have been advertised.

**06.76.2 School Improvement Partner (SIP)**

The meeting of the governors on the Head teacher's review group is being arranged. All reports from the SIP come via the LA.

**Clerk/AL**

**06.76.3 Self-Evaluation Form**

This is currently being reviewed and should be completed by Christmas. It will be discussed at the next meeting of the Staff-Curriculum committee (open to all governors) on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2007**.

**06.76.4 School Profile**

The DfES website is currently locked and no further progress on this can be made until access is allowed.

**06.76.5 Secondary Support Agreement**

The draft version of this agreement had been circulated to governors. Any comments should be forwarded to Andrew Linnell by the end of the week, before he makes his response. The agreement contains nothing alarming.

**All  
governors  
to note**

**06.76.6 Directorate of Learning & Care**

The structure in the new directorate is still not clear – advisers have still not been appointed.

Andrew Linnell and Maureen Kenney had a meeting with Jim Gould and Ian Wilson. It was not very productive: the message was there was no more money.

**06.76.7 Budget**

Three members of the Finance department at RBWM attended the last meeting of the Finance committee and despite all the comments made previously, they indicated that Desborough was not found wanting.

**06.76.8 Diplomas**

Andrew Linnell indicated that at present there was too much work to be done for Desborough to join the pilot scheme of the new diplomas. To participate fully would mean a massive change of direction for the school. The matter will be reported on more fully to the Staff-Curriculum committee.

It was also noted that both Charters and Windsor Boys School have indicated that they intend to operate on a partial selection basis for future admissions.

**06.76.9 INSET**

The next Inset day (3<sup>rd</sup> January 2007) will be examining the School Improvement Plan.

There is a common INSET day on 19<sup>th</sup> February to which governors are

invited to the morning session. More details are required but four governors indicated interest (Trilochan Prem, Paul Littleford, Alison Hatcher and Maureen Kenney).

**SAR/AL**

**06.76.10 Numbers on Roll**

The apparent falling numbers will have financial implications in future (i.e. possible Staff cuts). Governors discussed the anachronistic catchment area boundaries. It was agreed that Derek Wilson should continue to pursue this at council level.

**DW**

**06.76.11 P.E., Sports & Games**

The minibus situation was discussed, examining the possibility of acquiring a refurbished bus, thereby enabling the school to continue to travel to away fixtures, without hiring a coach.

It was agreed that if a payment is to be made to any member of staff for turning out on a Saturday for a Sports fixture, then it must be at an agreed rate for the hours worked and a claim form must be submitted. It should therefore be open to any member of staff who wishes to apply supervise such activities and after consultation with the Curriculum leader.

**Approved**

**06.77 Committee Reports**

**06.77.1 Facilities**

There has been no progress on the **flooding/drainage** issue: there simply is no money to tackle the problem.

There is now a stock of photographs of the flooding. It was agreed to reaffirm the decision made two years ago: if the flooding reaches a level where it constitutes a health and safety hazard to pupils, staff and visitors to the site, the head teacher has the permission of the governing body to use his discretion to close the school. This decision was unanimous.

**Approved**

A letter will be sent to RBWM confirming this and enclosing all the photographs.

**AL**

Gina Botterill has volunteered to join the catering contract sub-committee. Much background work has already been done. The timeline for various stages of the project has been established. A visit to Cox Green school will be organised in the near future.

**06.77.2 Pastoral Care**

Bryan Palmer invited questions on the Pastoral Care committee's minutes.

The **Whole School Food policy** had been circulated and was approved unanimously.

**Approved**

**06.77.3 Extended Schools & External Relations**

Alison Hatcher reported that the new Extended Schools Co-ordinator had made an impressive start and many ideas were forthcoming.

Alison Hatcher will be working with Sue Mudge on press publicity.

06.78

**Budget 2006-2007**

Paul Littleford reported on the committee meeting, which had been attended by officers from RBWM. He has asked Veronica Pope to go back to the Agresso system for financial reports, despite her aversion for the system. This should avoid any mistakes in the transference of data and save time. A daytime meeting with RBWM has been requested, but this is difficult due to work commitments.

Governors discussed the situation and the controversial best value statement. Paul Littleford proposed that the budget be signed off. It was agreed that since the governing body do not feel able to agree that the budget offers best value in certain contentious budget areas where the local authority have made control almost impossible to maintain, the best value statement would be struck through. It should also be noted by the Finance department at RBWM that the loan repayment schedule is to be renegotiated. This proposal was agreed unanimously.

**Approved**

06.79

**Chair's Notices**

The governors were sorry to learn that Fazal Awan has resigned from the governing body due to health problems, and expressed their appreciation of his valuable support to Desborough. It was agreed to ask him to continue in an Associate governor role if he felt able.

**Approved**

Possible candidates for the vacant **community governor** posts were discussed briefly. Names will be forwarded to Bryan Palmer so that he can arrange exploratory meetings.

The question of governors' expenses will be discussed more fully at a later meeting.

**All  
governors**

The text of the head teacher's address at Speech Day had been circulated. It has also been added to the website along with some photographs, thereby reducing the amount of text.

06.80

**Governor Training**

A summary of the Spring Training programme will be circulated.

Bryan Palmer reported on the recent Link Development Governor meeting. Issues arising:

- more descriptive titles for courses;
- cancellation of courses at short notice;
- First Class is being "de-cluttered"

06.81

**Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2007 at 6.30 pm.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm