

## GREAT TORRINGTON SCHOOL

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### **GOVERNORS' BOARD MEETING**

Date	Monday, 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2015	Time / Location	* 4.30 for Presentation *5:00 pm L5
Potential Attendees	Initials	Position	Comments
Michael Bamborough	MB	Member Appointed Governor (Vice Chairman)	Present
Sarah Almey	SA	Member Appointed Governor	Present
Tracey Amos	TA	Head Teacher	Present
Laraine Bridger	LB	Parent Governor	Present
David Cobbledick	DC	Member Appointed Governor	Present
Pat Grimwood-Taylor	PGT	Member Appointed Governor	Present
Robert Hemsworth	RH	Parent Governor	Present
Paul Jarrett	PJ	Co-opted Governor	Present
Ian Newberry	IN	Parent Governor	Present
Hannah Pettifer	HP	Staff Governor (Non Teaching)	Present
Karen Reeves	KR	Parent Governor	Present
Simon Robilliard	SR	Staff Governor (Teaching)	Present
Peter Villiers	PV	Co-opted Governor (Chairman of Governors)	Present
Jacqui Whiteman	JSW	Non Governor - Visitor (Deputy Headteacher)	-
Vacancy x 2		Co-opted Governor	-
Vacancy		Member Appointed Governor	-
Rose Elliott	RE	Clerk to Governing Board	Present

### **MINUTES**

*4.30pm – 5.00pm	<b>Presentation</b>	<p>TRA introduced Alison Atton, SENCO, who gave a short talk on School Action Plus [SA+] Pupils &amp; their Progress in School. These pupils do not have statements of special educational need however they have high end support needs which have the potential to significantly impact on their learning and often on the learning of others. All other pupil disadvantaged groups did better this year. TRA has asked for a focus on the SA+. Alison gave some details from her research so far from which an action plan will follow.</p> <p>Chris Turner and Nicky Morgan then gave information on the TIC TAC group. GTS work in conjunction with N D Healthcare and the Lemon Jelly youth group. Twenty or so pupils access their services or just generally meet twice a week at lunchtimes in the Hardy Centre. PGT asked if funds are needed for a current project; if so please contact her as Chair of Rotary. Other questions were on confidentiality and safeguarding issues.</p>	I
2014-15/ GOV/50	<b>Apologies</b>	All present.	I
2014-15/ GOV/51	<b>Conflicts of Interest</b>	None stated.	I
2014-15/	<b>Minutes of the</b>	Minutes of the meetings held on 9th March 2015 were	I

GOV/52	<b>Last Meeting</b>	reviewed, amended then agreed and signed as a true record.	<b>D</b>
2014-15/ GOV/53	<b>Matters Arising not on the Agenda</b>	None.	
2014-15/ GOV/54	<b>Decisions and Recommendations from Committees</b>	<p>a. No decisions to report from <b>Teaching &amp; Learning</b></p> <p>b. Recommendations had been made by <b>Personnel</b> to Finance regarding the ending of fixed term and temporary contracts in Part 2 session.</p> <p>c. <b>Premises.</b> Once again our CIF bids have been unsuccessful. This means that we have to fund any initiatives ourselves and makes us worse off than other local schools who are receiving funding. The ROK money is skewing our reserves.</p> <p>d. <b>Finance.</b> DC referred in particular to the need to set a deficit budget again next year. We are not too far off the budget we set last year and in the past we have put money aside against this eventuality. Our pupil numbers are still going down; we have to spend some money on maintaining the building and on maintaining an appropriate staffing ratio. It was understood by those present that it is not an option to do nothing. The potential of further cuts to option subjects with small groups will have a detrimental effect on our curriculum integrity and future attractiveness. A discussion followed including admission numbers and marketing.</p>	I I I I I
2014-15/ GOV/55	<b>Progress on the M.A.T.</b>	TRA reported that progress is being made however the earliest date that this could commence would be Easter 2016. Local discussions are planned. KR has been contacted by another interested primary school which is like minded.	I
2014-15/ GOV/56	<b>Governor Matters</b>	RE to confirm which Governors link with which House.	<b>RE</b>
2014-15/ GOV/57	<b>Curriculum Project</b>	A full discussion took place, governors were in favour of the project for pupils to have a travel /science/geography/history of flight/engineering challenge in the LBacc curriculum in the future, preferably commencing next year and running over a 2 year cycle. A Farmer has advanced plans and RH has many contacts willing and able to be involved but an early decision is needed to enable things to be put in place. It was proposed [PGT], seconded [SR] and agreed that we invest in the necessary infrastructure to allow the project to go ahead as soon as possible.	I D
2014-15/ GOV/58	<b>Items Brought Forward Through the Chairman</b>	<p>RH showed a poster advertising an initiative by pupils for a charity prom dress fashion show planned for next Wednesday at 7.45 pm in the drama studio.</p> <p>MB reminded governors that a new chair of Personnel Committee would be required for the next academic year.</p>	I I
2014-15/ GOV/59	<b>Dates &amp; Times of Meetings</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2015</b></p> <p><b>Teaching &amp; Learning</b>, Meeting Room 1, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 5.00 pm</p> <p><b>Personnel</b>, HT's Office, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 5.00 pm</p> <p><b>Premises/Finance</b>, HT's Office, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 5.00pm</p> <p><b>Full Governors' Meeting</b>, L5, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 5.00pm, preceded by a presentation at 4.30pm.</p>	I

