

Watermore 2014 – 2015

This year, in line with Government regulations, Watermore Governing Board has been reconstituted. We now comprise of:

1	Local Authority governor	Pat Hockey
3	Parent governors	Janet Ilieva Nicolas Harris Colin Thompson
1	Staff governor	Margaret Robbins
1	Headteacher	Janet Hoyle
8	Co-opted governors	Richard Pearce (Vice Chair) Marc Willett Linda Porter (Chair) Daniel Tapscott Jenni Coles Karen Mitchell Vacancy Vacancy

This year we have said goodbye to three Governors – Joanne Cooke, Susan Keel and Sam Blackwell and welcomed a new Parent Governor Colin Thompson. Our new Chair Linda Porter took over the reins with Richard Pearce staying on as Vice Chair.

Our committee structure remained the same (showing current members):

Personnel and Communications – Chair TBA, Karen Mitchell, Janet Hoyle and Janet Ilieva

Finance and Premises – Chair Richard Pearce, Linda Porter, Nick Harris, Marc Willett, Daniel Tapscott, Janet Hoyle

Curriculum and Standards – Chair Jenni Coles, Margaret Robbins, Pat Hockey and Janet Hoyle

Our attendance was as below:

Name	Type of Governor	17.09.14	26.11.14	23.02.15	20.05.15	MEETINGS ATTENDED
Janet Hoyle	Head Teacher					100%
Karen Mitchell	Co-Opted					50%
Margaret Robbins	Staff					100%
Jenni Coles	Co-Opted					100%
Nick Harris	Parent					75%
Janet Ilieva	Parent					100%
Richard Pearce	Co-Opted					100%
Linda Porter	Co-Opted					100%
Marc Willett	Co-Opted					75%
Sam Blackwell	Co-Opted					75%
Pat Hockey	LA					100%
Joanne Cooke	Parent				Resigned	50%
Daniel Tapscott	Co-Opted					75%
Mandy Cole	Associate Member					100%
Susan Keel	LA	Resigned				
Colin Thompson	NEW	Not elected until June 2015				
Alex Jones	Clerk					100%

From our committees our attendance was:

Name	C&S
Janet Hoyle	3
Margaret Robbins	3
Jenni Coles	4
Pat Hockey	4
Daniel Tapscott	3
Janet Ilieva	1 (new to committee June 2015)

Name	F&P
Janet Hoyle	4
Nick Harris	2
Richard Pearce	4
Linda Porter	4
Marc Willett	2
Daniel Tapscott	4

Name	P&C
Janet Hoyle	4
Sam Blackwell	3
Karen Mitchell	4
Joanne Cooke	1 (resigned)
Janet Ilieva	4

The LA have again informed us that we will breach numbers for Sept 2015, as Governors we negotiated for further movement on the single site plan as it our aspiration. This is now moving forward with meetings taking place between the LA and our Governing Board.

In preparation for the breach this year further building works have been carried out and our Finance and Premises committee have been rigorous in their scrutiny of the money being spent and worked with the Head to ensure positive impacts on teaching the children. The budget remained in a strong position for the financial year 2015 – 2016.

Our curriculum committee welcomed the new Curriculum and spent a meeting assessing data. They also welcomed another local school's curriculum committee to one of their meetings to share our good practise and discuss the ways forward with assessing pupils once levels have been removed.

Personnel and Communications have worked with the Head in the recruitment of new staff, including the appointment of the cleaners. They also were involved in the discussions about the 2nd breach and the impact this would have on staff and communications.

At Full Governing Board meetings Governors had a presentation from the School Improvement Advisor on the data from July 2014. At KS1 writing at level 2 and 2B maths is at national levels. All floor standards were met and exceeded and there was 100% progress from KS1 – KS2, they are excelling and there were some 3 levels progress and 1 4 level progress. The SIA told Governors outstanding schools also have an impact outside the school and suggested there are 2 other local schools that are nearly at outstanding that they could work with. Following on from this, Governors from Wellesley Primary were invited to the C&S committee meeting.

They reviewed the Feasibility study for moving to one site. They considered the best way forward for the Governing Board while they reconstituted, which resulted in a Governing Board of fewer Governors.

In February Tanya Smith Planning and Development Manager attended the Governing Board meeting to discuss the further Breach to the Reception class. Governors agreed that they wanted to work together with the LA and the Head wants the school to serve the local community and provide for the children in the area. They were concerned that the single site project had gone very quiet recently. They advised TS that their aspiration continued to be getting the school on to one site, TS advised that the single site bid for PSPB2 funding had gone to central government but had been denied (along with another 9 the LA submitted). TS advised that the council were going back to 3 year capita planning and the one site

aspiration would be considered by committee. Governors voted on the decision to breach for September 2015 with the same caveats as the previous year. All voted for unanimously.

Governors also decided that banners on the school fence should be removed unless they were for school activity/promotion. Governors decided that leaflets that were advertising events for children may still go in the school bags, subject to the agreement of the headteacher.

Governors decided that they would not be able to consider the requests for After School Club provision until Feb 2016 at the earliest as the school would need to adjust to the 2nd Breach.

Governor visits to the school:

NH - Visit for Leavers Day which included photo taking, videoing and helping out with lunch, NH also presented awards in the afternoon.

JI – Informal visit on the last week of term to look around KS2. She was very impressed with how every child was involved in clubs, they were very engaged and the dinner ladies were fantastic.

SEN – J Coles visit

LP – Chair and Head meetings, swimming with years 3 & 4. Dress rehearsal of the pantomime and monitored the KS1 phonics tests. H&S inspection of both sites and meeting with Caretaker.

RP visited school when the ceiling came down.

Governor Training

SB and MR – SEN

KM – Safeguarding

Chair and Head – Taking the Chair module 1

LP and JI 2 part Data course

Clerk SELT training

LP Chairs training