

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors
held at St Keverne School
on Monday 1st February, 2016 at 6.30 p.m.

MINUTES

Item	To be actioned by
<p>1. Present</p> <p>JD JH TH PM WP PS CS (arrived at 7 pm)</p> <p>Governors present</p> <p>AG PM MH AA AF MA</p>	
<p>2. Apologies</p> <p>MM ST SF CS (will be late) CH The Board accepted the above apologies</p> <p>PR RB CT NW SG No apologies received</p>	
<p>3. Presentation of the report outlining the Director's proposals for restructuring local governor representation – Review of the Governance Structure</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out the document prior to its distribution.</p> <p>Before calling for any comments or questions the chair reminded the governors of the important role that they fulfil and how valuable they are to the MAT. The Board hoped that all of the Governors would feel able to continue in their new proposed role.</p> <p>The chair opened the floor for comments & questions.</p> <p>Comment – There was an immediate response from a governor who felt the report was very good and that the proposal from the Board was exactly right. The Chair thanked the governor and responded that the report had also been circulated to some external agencies who had agreed that it was excellent and that the recommendations were good.</p> <p>Q - Do you think it will be easier to recruit for this role rather than the role of governor? A – It may not be. However, if parents are told that it's a specific role and that it's mainly for monitoring I'm hoping that perhaps it may make it easier to recruit. It maybe that we recruit from the community rather than parents.</p> <p>A discussion ensued with all in agreement that a recruitment drive should take place and any suggestions for new recruits should be passed onto the Chair of Directors. The HT told the group that when OfSTED visit they will ask how the MAT holds the schools to account. The easiest way to show that they do is by producing reports of monitoring visits with firm, clear judgements. At the moment this is not happening. It is critical that this is addressed. St Martin, Coverack and St Keverne are very short on governors and two of these schools due inspections.</p> <p>A governor commented that on doing some research she came across the term – <i>Guardians of Standards</i> on the DfE website – she felt this was a very positive term and wondered if it was something we could use. The Board liked the idea of School Guardians and as the principle role of this group is going to be monitoring they thought it might be appropriate and liked the idea of <i>School Guardians</i>.</p>	

