GOVERNORS PANEL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Governors Panel held on 30 January 2008 at County Hall, Lewes.

PRESENT - Councillor Simmons (Chairman)
Councillors Elkin, Kramer, Ost, St Pierre (substituting for Councillor Field) and Tunwell

22. MINUTES

22.1 RESOLVED – to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2007.

23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

23.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Field and Lock.

24. REPORTS

24.1 A copy of the reports referred to in the minutes below is contained in the minute book.

25. APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNORS

25.1 The Panel considered a report by the Director of Children’s Services presenting applications for the appointment of LEA representative Governors.

25.2 RESOLVED (1) – to appoint the following as LEA representative governors:-

Jane Cope Fletching CE Primary School
Laura Carter Highfield Primary
Martyn Amess Little Common School
Alan Heath Little Ridge School
Alan Hogg Netherfield CE Primary
Julian Clothier Peacehaven Community School
Dan Steadman Polegate School
Laura Robertson Silverdale Primary
Diane Johnson St Peter and St Paul C of E Primary
26. GOVERNOR SERVICES UPDATE

26.1 The Panel considered a report from the Director of Children’s Services that provided an update and information from Governor Services.

26.2 It was reported that seven clerks had taken up the opportunity to work towards the BTEC Level 3 award for Clerk to Governing Body. It was noted that the accreditation would take place three times a year and that the award was transportable to other schools. Members were advised that a working party had been established with other Local Authorities in the South East to discuss clerking. Members were shown the new Clerks’ Handbook issued to serving clerks and as a resource for newly appointed clerks.

26.3 Members were advised that at the annual awards ceremony in July a new award for long serving governors would be introduced. The award would initially be given to those who had served 35 years or more with the possibility of reducing the number to 20 in future years.

26.4 Members asked for clarification on how long chairs should serve and how Governor Services work with governing bodies to ensure that chairs were serving for the appropriate length of time.

26.5 Members asked that Governor Services investigate how personnel issues relating to clerks are dealt with, particularly in relation to matters such as exit interviews.

26.6 RESOLVED to note the update received from Governors Services.