

Tunbridge Wells District Governor Briefing

Summer 2017

Welcome

Agenda

Welcome

Julia Durcan - Area Governance Officer (AGO), West Kent.

Academy – Where are we now?

Ana Rowley- Academies Conversion Team Manager

The Kent Governor Association (KGA)

Debra Bruce – Tunbridge Wells KGA Representative

Virtual Governance

What do we need to consider?

Julia Durcan, Area Governance Officer

In The News- General updates and discussion points

Julia Durcan, Area Governance Officer

Polite Reminders !

- **Housekeeping**
- **Paper free !**
- **Have you signed the register?**
- **List at least three actions that you will complete following this discussion.**
- **Please complete the online evaluations (direct to you via email)**

Academy

Information sharing

Strategic options and the KCC support available

By

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Kent Governors' Association

- ▶ **The N G A, now to be known as the National Governance Association.**
- ▶ **Venue suggestions for the County Assembly in other parts of Kent.**
- ▶ **KGA assembly at Oakwood House 12th June 2017, 7-9pm**
- ▶ **Following Sally Lees appointment , links have been strengthened Links strengthened with the K A H T**
- ▶ **Governors representation on the board of new Education Services company**

VIRTUAL GOVERNANCE

- **2013 Roles, Procedure & Allowances regulations were introduced for LA Maintained Schools**
- **Permitted Virtual Governance**
- **Aligned LA Maintained with Academies – Academies already had this freedom (check funding agreement/Articles of Association)**
- **http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/1624/pdfs/uksi_20131624_en.pdf**
- **https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/270783/school_governance_regulations_2013_departmental_advice.pdf**

Extracts from Legislation / Guidance

- the governing body may approve alternative arrangements for governors to participate or vote at meetings of the governing body including but not limited to by telephone or video conference.
- 28. The requirement to be present at the meeting means that proxy voting or voting in advance of a meeting is not permitted. It is important that governors are present to hear and engage in the debate before casting their vote.
- 29. However, the regulations now give boards the power to make arrangements for their members to be present at board and committee meetings ‘virtually’, for example by telephone or video conference, and therefore to participate in discussion and decision making remotely.

ACTIVITY

Discuss in your table groups:

- Any agreement that your board currently has in place regarding virtual governance
- Work through the items on the sheet
- Be prepared to feedback to/discuss with the whole group

In the News, Discussion & Networking

- **NGA- name change, same initials. National Governance Association**
- **EFA has become the EFSA, the Education , Funding and Skills agency**
- **Ofsted HMCI, Amanda Spielman, first speech since taking office.**
- **Budgets**
 - **Maintained school , FGB approve 3 year budget by 31st May**
 - **Academies have to do a new Budget Forecast Return: Outturn by 19th May with the 3 year budget forecast return for year 17 / 18 to be approved and returned by the 28th July**

In the News, Discussion & Networking

- Pupil absence in schools in England: 2015 to 2016 released
- https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/602320/SFR14_2017_Text.pdf
- New Trust Board Chairs Identity Verification form
- Maintained schools – Parent governor election process
- National Chairs of Governance Leadership development course- last one!
- <https://hampshire.firmstep.com/default.aspx/RenderForm/?F.Name=AEyRQxShp8p&HideToolbar=1>
- National Clerks development course – last one !
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In the News, Discussion & Networking

- **Changes to constitutional arrangements for maintained school governing bodies from 1st September 2017**
- **http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2017/487/pdfs/ukxi_20170487_en.pdf**
- **Maintained school Governing Bodies power to remove elected parent and staff governors inline with the removal of co opted governors.**
- **From 1st May 2017 any elected parent or staff governor removed is disqualified for serving as a school governor for 5 years.**

In the News, Discussion & Networking

Clerking Competency Framework

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/609971/Clerking_competency_framework.pdf

Focuses on the Knowledge, skills and effective behaviours under 4 competencies.

- **Competency 1: Understanding governance**
- **Competency 2: Administration**
- **Competency 3: Advice and guidance**
- **Competency 4: People and relationships**

Course Evaluation – Don't forget!

- Please take 5 minutes to complete your evaluation form.
- You can access the link now via your mobile phone/tablet: www.kentcpdonline.org.uk and then log into your account.
- Click on 'My CPD Online' and 'Events Attended'
- From here you will be able to locate this event and then click on 'Enter Evaluation'.
- Alternatively please log into your account, using the e-mail link which you will receive from CPD online as soon as the register of attendance has been processed .
- You will be able to download your certificate of attendance once you have completed the evaluation and the signed register has been processed by the Training & Development Administration team.

We value and act on your comments.

Thank you.



School
Improvement
Services

Thank you for attending

Have we been mad tonight?

Next briefing Southborough Primary School

Provisionally 25th September 2017

7-9pm

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