

GOVERNING BODY OF GRANGETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING HELD AT
4:00 PM ON TUESDAY 20TH JANUARY 2015****GOVERNORS PRESENT:****Co-opted Governors:**

Mr L Ainsworth, Miss C Mott (staff), Mrs J Sinclair (Vice-Chair)

Headteacher:

Mr J Murgatroyd

Staff Governor:

Mrs L Ackerley

CLERK TO THE GOVERNING BODY:

Martin Gershman, School Governor Support Service

1. APOLOGIES FOR AND CONSENT TO ABSENCE

In the absence of the Chair, the meeting was chaired by the Vice-Chair.

Governors noted that Mr Campbell and Cllr Pallister had submitted apologies for the current meeting. Consideration was also given to the absence of Miss L Peters, Miss J Stainthorpe and Mr F Sweeney.

RESOLVED that the Governing Body consent to the absence of Miss J Stainthorpe and Mr F Sweeney. On this occasion governors did not consent to the absence of Miss L Peters. The Clerk had written to Miss Peters after the last two meetings to inform her that governors had not consented to her absence from those meetings and asking her if she wished to continue to serve as a governor, but had received no response. If she did not attend or have her absence consented to from any further meetings by 16th March 2015, she would be removed for non-attendance on 17th March.

Clerk

2. NOTIFICATION OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- A possible candidate for one of the co-opted governor vacancies had been identified.
- The Chair had indicated that he would be standing down as of the next termly meeting, due to illness.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Governors were given the opportunity to declare pecuniary and other conflicts of interest that could arise from the agenda of the current meeting. The Headteacher and Miss Mott declared an interest in the arrangements for the temporary part-time release of the Headteacher.

4. ARRANGEMENTS FOR TEMPORARY PART-TIME RELEASE OF HEADTEACHER TO SUPPORT HARTBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL

(See Confidential Appendix)

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 5.1 Matty Cross, who worked for the Blaze charity in Grangetown, was suggested as a candidate for one of the co-opted governor vacancies. His appointment would be considered at the next termly meeting. The Headteacher would contact him and the Clerk would invite him to attend the meeting.

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Headteacher

- 5.2 As a consequence of serious illness, the Chair had informed the Vice-Chair, Headteacher and the Clerk that he wished to step down as Chair. The Clerk would seek nominations for Chair, to be considered at the next termly meeting.

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6. APPROVAL OF DOCUMENTS FOR INSPECTION

RESOLVED that the agenda and supporting documents of the current meeting be made available for public inspection in school, with the exception of governors' personal contact details.

Clerk

7. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Governors were reminded that the next termly meeting of the governing body would be held at **4:00 pm on Thursday 26th March 2015** and the Summer term meeting at **4:00 pm on Thursday 9th July 2015**. *A further special meeting was subsequently arranged for 4:00 pm on Thursday 5th February 2015.*

Clerk

The meeting closed at 4:30 pm.

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- 4.1 The Headteacher apologised to the Vice-Chair for he and the Chair making an agreement with Hartburn Primary School in Stockton, where he was a governor, for him to provide temporary part time support, without first consulting the Governing Body. He had been asked to help Hartburn because they had been unable to recruit a headteacher. He had emailed governors about this afterwards.
- 4.2 The Headteacher explained that the support he would be providing to Hartburn would be for a maximum of two days a week and only three more days were scheduled between the meeting and half term. His role was to act as a sounding board for the current headteacher and to look at teaching and learning as a governor. This was useful CPD for him. A collaboration had been established between the two schools involving staff exchange visits. Their Key Stage 1 leader had already visited Grangetown, which had been beneficial and the Grangetown Y6 staff had visited Hartburn that afternoon. He tabled a timetable for the visits, which were linked to the School's objectives and development of middle leaders, who were working with Miss Mott, which was further valuable experience for her. The intention was to establish wider collaborations involving the children and as Hartburn was in quite a different area, it was good for both groups of children to mix. He apologised again to governors for the way this had been done, but he could assure them that Grangetown would benefit as much as Hartburn from the arrangement.
- 4.3 The Vice-Chair asked about the recruitment process at Hartburn. The Headteacher explained that the post was to be advertised on 30th January, with shortlisting over half term and the interviews during the following week. His formal involvement would then come to an end.
- 4.4 The Headteacher observed that going into Hartburn had shown him a different approach, but reassured him that what Grangetown was doing was good. In Redcar and Cleveland, primary schools did a great deal in co-operation with their clusters and support was increasingly provided from school to school, whereas in Stockton the LA still did a lot. He emphasised that Grangetown Primary was still fully committed to the Aspire Learning Partnership. Deborah Green had been working in Bankfields and Whale Hill primary schools on developing partnerships.
- 4.5 The Vice-Chair observed that the Headteacher's absence from school for this purpose would be a PD opportunity for Miss Mott and was no different to his being absent for other reasons. The Headteacher emphasised that

he was very happy with and confident about his colleagues' ability to manage while he was away.

(The Headteacher, Miss Mott and Mrs Ackerley left the meeting).

RESOLVED that the temporary part time release of the Headteacher to support Hartburn Primary School be approved.