

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE CITY OF LONDON SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

24 FEBRUARY 2012

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE CITY OF LONDON SCHOOL FOR GIRLS HELD AT THE CITY OF LONDON, SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, ST GILES TERRACE, BARBICAN EC2Y 8BB ON FRIDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2012 AT 11.30AM.

Present:

Governors:

Sylvia Moys (Chairman)	Caroline Garnham (co-opted)
Deputy John Bennett (ex-officio)	Deputy the Reverend Stephen Haines (ex officio)
Professor. John Betteridge (co-opted)	Tom Hoffman
Raymond Catt	Clare James
Deputy Dennis Cotgrove	Mary Robey (co-opted)
Deputy Stella Currie	Virginia Rounding
Revd. Dr Martin Dudley	
Bob Duffield	

Officers:

Gemma Goulding	- Town Clerk's Department
Steve Reynolds	- Chamberlain's Department
Sarah Port	- Chamberlain's Department
Howard Hillier-Daines	- City Surveyor's Department
Diana Vernon	- Headmistress, City of London School for Girls
Ned Yorke	- Bursar, City of London School for Girls

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Alderman John White (Deputy Chairman), Dr Stephanie Ellington (co-opted), Henrika Priest, Alderman Neil Redcliffe, Deputy Richard Regan (Chief Commoner), and Richard Sermon (co-opted).

2. DECLARATIONS BY GOVERNORS OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING

There were no declarations.

3. MINUTES

The public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 7 December 2011 were approved and agreed as a correct record.

4. REPORT OF THE HEADMISTRESS

The Board considered a report of the Headmistress relative to various issues including Governors' Visiting Days, the Clean City Awards Scheme and Charges for Facilities.

Governors Visiting Days

The Headmistress reminded the Board that the School was always delighted to welcome Governors to spend a day either attending lessons or shadowing a particular year group. She went on to report that Mrs Robey had recently spent a day with Year 11 pupils and had provided some valuable feedback on those lessons she had attended.

Mrs Robey commented that she was heartened by the quality of pupils and the quality of teaching she saw.

Health and Safety

The Board were pleased to note that there had been just one reportable accident in the period 22nd October 2011 – 1st February 2012.

Lettings

The Board noted recent lettings and details of regular hire of the School's facilities.

In response to a question, the Bursar stated that contracts were drawn up outlining the responsibility of all users in terms of the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults whilst on the premises. He added that the contract had been reviewed by the Comptroller and City Solicitor six months ago.

The Bursar undertook to ascertain whether or not the contract covered issues such as child protection and insurance and report back on this matter.

Charging for facilities

In response to a question, the Bursar stated that equipment hire would now be included within the proposed letting charges as part of a 'package' in order to simplify the current charging system.

Meeting with Barbican Residents

The Board received the notes of the meeting with the Barbican Residents held on 17 January 2012.

A Governor commented that, whilst the responses to the School's proposals for expansion had been mostly positive, it was noted that residents from certain areas that would be most affected by the proposed work (i.e. Seddon House) had not been represented at the meeting.

The Bursar commented that it was within the remit of the Chairmen of both the Residents Consultation Committee and the Barbican Association to invite various house representatives along to these meetings as they saw fit. He went on to report that a full public consultation would, however, be held before the works progressed, providing all residents with an opportunity to air their views.

Clean City Awards Scheme

The Headmistress was pleased to report that the School had been awarded a gold award in the Clean City Awards Scheme, for a third consecutive year.

New Award

Governors were delighted to note the introduction of a new means-tested award in September 2012 which would be match-funded and awarded to a girl who would not otherwise be able to attend the School.

RESOLVED – That the proposed facilities charges are approved for introduction from 1 April 2012.

5. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no questions.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

There were no additional, urgent items of business.

7. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: - That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

<u>Item No</u>	<u>Exempt Paragraphs</u>
8	1, 2 3 & 4
9	1 & 3
10	3
11	-
12	-

SUMMARY OF MATTERS CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC WERE EXCLUDED

8. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2011 were approved and agreed as a correct record.

9. REPORT OF THE HEADMISTRESS

The Board received a non-public report of the Headmistress relative to various School issues such as Admissions, University Offers and Staffing Issues.

10. CLSG ACCOMMODATION

The Board considered and approved a report of the Headmistress relative to the CLSG Accommodation Project.

11. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no questions.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

Governors raised issues relative to the recent Chairman's Dinner and the Chairmanship of the Board of Governors.

The meeting closed at 12.40pm

CHAIRMAN

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