

**Local Advisory Group Meeting  
Richard Crosse School, Kings Bromley**

**Monday 7 October 2019**

**MINUTES**

PL	Paul Lovern – Executive Head	RC	Richard Crosse
SC	Sue Cockayne – Director for LAG and Chair of LAG	SM	St Mary's
HB	Heather Bowman – Chair of Directors	TH	The Howard
AA	Antony Allen – Parent Member Richard Crosse	AS	Anson School
MHE	Marcella Henley – PTA Member Richard Crosse		
PB	Phil Bate – Parent Member Howard		
CM	Claire Malcolm – PTA Member Howard		Abbreviations
CB	Chris Billingham – Community Member Howard	CIF	Condition Improvement Funding
AR	Anna Redpath - Parent Member St Mary's	EYFS	Early Years Foundation Stage
CC	Claire Clarke – PTA Member St. Mary's	ARE	Age-related expectations (in EYFS)
MH	Marie Havelock – Community Member St. Mary's	GLD	Good level of development (in EYFS)
NC	Neil Crawley - Community Member Richard Crosse	EXS	Expected Standard
NJ	Nicola Jarrett – Headteacher Richard Crosse	GD	Greater Depth
RM	Rachel Mills – Headteacher Howard	SEN	Special Educational Needs
JW	Jon Wynn – Headteacher St. Mary's		
AH	Alison Howard - Clerk		

**Attendance :** PL, SC, AA, MHE, PB, AR, CC, MH, NC, NJ, RM, JW, AH

1. SC welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting opened with a prayer.
2. **Apologies :** There were apologies from CM and CB. NC stated he would have to leave the meeting after half an hour.
3. **Pecuniary Interest**  
Everyone reviewed their Pecuniary Interest Register entry.
4. **Minutes of last meeting**  
These were accepted as a true record and signed by SC.
5. **Head of School Reports**

**Richard Crosse School:** NJ presented the data for the end of the summer term. In EYFS 82% of children achieved ARE in Reading and Writing, 78% in Maths. Children in Y1 made excellent progress, with phonic results of 100%, 92% achieving EXS in Reading and Writing and 85% in Maths and Combined subjects, well above the National levels. The target is to increase the number of

children working at GD, particularly in the Combined subjects (showing continuity across all three subjects). In Y2, 87% were working at EXS in Reading, Writing and Maths. The high standards of the Y3 children were sustained with 84% achieving EXS in Reading and Maths, 78% in Writing. The children in Y4 achieved 78% EXS in Reading, which was a strength, 67% in Writing and 72% in Maths. Children in Y5 made excellent progress, with 89% reaching EXS in Reading and Writing, 84% in Maths. A number of children were working at GD, particularly in Reading, and the disadvantaged children are making significant progress. The SATs results for Y6 show excellent attainment, well above National levels: 92% achieving EXS in Reading, 100% in Writing and Maths, with a Combined score of 92%. A focus for this coming year is achieving GD in the Combined score. Progress measures are positive. MHE asked about Y2 SATs and NJ confirmed that these are a combination of a test and teacher assessment.

**Howard Primary School:** RM presented her report, showing that at TH, 100% of the EYFS children achieved ARE in Reading, Writing and Maths and the priority was now to target GD for these children. The Y1 cohort was strong and able; there will be a target on achieving EXS in Writing and GD in all subjects. There has been a slight drop in Phonics, but it is a small cohort and intervention is taking place. Y2 children made excellent progress, Reading was a strength with 82% gaining EXS; 73% achieved EXS in Writing and 64% in Maths. These were externally moderated and the moderator made very favourable comments on the evidence. In Y3 there are just 5 children *Confidential item*; there is a target of one child to gain GD in Writing. Y4 children achieved 90% EXS in Reading, 70% in Writing and 70% in Maths. Children achieved well in an optional Multiplication Tables Check, with 3 children scoring full marks. The eight children in Y5 were strong in Reading with 88% achieving EXS; 63% achieved EXS in Writing and 75% in Maths; a target is for more children to achieve GD in Reading. The SATS results for the six children in Y6 were excellent with 100% achieving EXS in the three subjects. RM showed the progress measures, which were within confidence intervals. Priorities for the school include more achieving GD in Maths, Spelling and encouraging writing and reading for pleasure.

**St Mary's School:** JW presented the data for the end of the summer term, starting with EYFS children who showed good progress with 79% attaining ARE and a high percentage achieving GLD. In Y1, there were only five children *Confidential item*; 2 more children have now joined this cohort. The work of Y2 children was externally moderated; there were 2 boys working at GD and 69% of the cohort attained EXS or better, which is above national levels. *Confidential item* There were six children in Y3 *Confidential item*. In Y4 there were 15 children, a very good cohort with some working at GD; the priority is to target boys' Writing. The challenge for Y5 children is to attain more GD. JW was proud of the SATs results for the Y6 pupils as it was a challenging year group with many issues; 84% achieved at least EXS in Reading, Writing and Maths. Progress measures were shown; targets for Y6 are Spelling and Writing.

SC thanked the three Headteachers for their presentations and for all their hard work.

## 6. Trust Updates

PL gave a report saying that Anson School was now integrated into the Trust. There is now a new website for TSSMAT and staff are using Google Drive and email, with cloud storage. Following an enquiry at the previous LAG meeting, PL reported that voluntary contributions of £300 (SM) and £250 (RC) had been received from parents (at TH money had been given to the classroom fund); a letter has been sent out to parents regarding voluntary contributions this year. At RC, the new classroom is now in place; the interior of the older building is being refurbished and the RC foundation Trustees are paying for this. At SM, Colton Trustees are paying for blinds. Catering in the schools is now more stable, after a difficult summer term. PL asked LAG members for feedback on the food, as there is less processed food being given to the children, which has meant that the food bill has increased. Some children prefer the more processed food, but NJ said that there is a good variety and choice, with children being encouraged to try new dishes. PL informed the committee about the recent CIF bids: at SM to work on the flat roof, at RC to upgrade the heating system and

at TH to improve the heating and fire alarm system. With regards to the new classroom fund at TH, detailed plans have been produced and the Parish Council will be approached for funding from new housing developments. The emphasis is now on fundraising for school resources. SC considered that it was important to keep parents and villagers informed of the progress with the new classroom project.

## 7. Community Updates

**Richard Crosse/Kings Bromley:** MHE reported that the Summer Fayre held on the Showfield made £1200 profit, £145 was made at Sports Day, £514 raised at Kings Bromley Show, £137 at the end of year play and £45 from a charity box in The Royal Oak. £180 had been made from White Lodge providing school uniforms and it was agreed that SM and TH could also benefit from this. In the future, there will be the Christmas card project, PTA disco, Big Breakfast, Christmas Fayre and a visit to the Christmas Panto. Money raised will go towards improving the outdoor space at RC. NJ thanked the PTA and parents for their phenomenal support.

AA said that parents appreciated the new classroom. PL and NJ asked RC LAG members for their opinions about the school photographer and whether more formal photos should be taken; AA asked about the benefit to the school and PL confirmed that a small commission was received. NC (giving his report at the start of the meeting) informed members of his actions from the minutes of the last meeting: the Village Hall committee have confirmed that parents can park on the Village Hall car park when delivering or collecting their children; with regards to HS2, a Parish Councillor, Charles Cole, had written to say that the local MP, Michael Fabricant, had met with HS2 representatives and a government representative who agreed that there should be a fully integrated transport system and the HS2 plans could be changed or cancelled - a report on the future of HS2 should be completed by the end of the year. AA reported that Y5 and Y6 at SM, RC and TH had taken part in the Race Day competition at Stafford, with TH coming a very creditable third amongst a number of schools. He is looking forward to continuing the project and is planning to tie it in more with the curriculum.

**The Howard/Elford:** RM said how lucky the school was to have such an active PTA and went on to present CM's report. There had been many successful events, particularly the May Queen BBQ and a number of food-related events. Funds raised have paid for scooter/bike racks, a bouncy castle, an Animal Fun visit and many other items; any additional funds have gone towards the classroom fund which now stands at £51,000. There has been a corporate donation and a donation from the Scarecrow Festival. Plans for the future include a quiz night, Christmas cards and Christmas Fayre. Money raised will go towards developing Forest School, outdoor equipment and trips.

PB praised the new website and the planned trip to York.

A report from CB was read out, saying that the school has kept a positive high profile in the village, including the Leavers' Service and participation in the Scarecrow Festival, during which RM met the delegation from the French twinning committee. There is a newly appointed member of the Mease Valley Ministry team working with TH who has been warmly welcomed. CB reinforced the comments made by SC above, regarding the need to publicise the current position regarding the new classroom project.

**St Mary's/Colton:** CC reported that new parents were getting involved in the PTA and the AGM was coming up soon. Events planned include a car wash, Big Breakfast, a Christmas film night and the school and Colton Christmas Fayres. JW confirmed that money will be used on increasing the number of enrichment activities. NJ asked that the different schools' PTAs coordinate regarding the Big Breakfast dates.

AR said that her older child had now moved to secondary school, but had received an excellent foundation at SM and had settled well into the new school. Her younger child was very happy at SM and she considered it a great school. She mentioned that rabbits were available if RC or TH would like some.

MH said the majority of the children at SM were not from the village, but this has resulted in children from outside the village being christened in the church. The vicar continues to provide excellent support to the school; the Harvest Festival went very well and the Food Bank was very pleased with the contributions. There will be a Christingle service and the school will put a Christmas card in the Parish Magazine.

**8. Any other business**

With regards to the Harvest Festival, RM mentioned that the Food Bank had visited TH to talk in Assembly before the service and this resulted in a great increase in contributions.

PB asked about LAG Members' Terms of Office and PL confirmed that no-one had expressed a wish to join the committee, so everyone was continuing; there is still a vacancy for another LAG Member from RC.

NJ said that the car building project was going from strength to strength and thanked AA for all his work; there was now more integration into the curriculum. She also thanked Glen and Gill Wright for their support in this interregnum period. With regards to Oliver's Fund, over £10,000 was raised including a matched funding donation, so the equipment has been purchased and is now being used.

SC thanked LAG members for their attendance and for all their support.

**9. Date and location of meetings:**

9 March 4pm at TH

22 June 4pm at SM

Signed.....  
Sue Cockayne, Chair of Local Advisory Group

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