

Well, good afternoon ladies and gentlemen and welcome to the first Governors meeting of the new term.

We say a warm welcome to our newly appointed Governor Mrs Jones – it's lovely to have you on board and I am sure you will find this new role tremendously rewarding. The important thing is that each of us brings with us unique skills and interests but we are united in our love of children and our concern for their education.

As this is your first meeting please feel free to ask if at anytime you don't understand something or want to know why we do things in certain we ways. Remember we were all new Governors once – yes I recall my first Governors meeting back in 1985.

Well it's always exciting being a Governor and waiting to see what new initiatives the DCSF have dreamt up and how the LA are going to help us implement it!

Ah yes thank you for asking the DCSF – fondly know as the Department for Comedy and Science Fiction – or even the Department for Cushions and Soft Furnishings – but really it's the Department for Children, Schools and Families.

They used to be the DFEE, then the DFES and now they're the DCSF.

Oh yes the LA..... The LA is the Local Authority – they used to be the LEA (the Local Education Authority).

Well let's get on with the business – oh yes first of all do we have any declarations of interest? I'm delighted that you're interested in everything on the agenda Mr Smith but that's not quite what we mean! Let's move on.....

Well fellow Governors following our recent AMP meeting we will be using our DFC and some LCVAP grants to develop a new SEN room. The SENCO has been looking at the plans with us and all is progressing well.

Ah yes Mrs Jones the AMP – the Asset Management Plan. This is a report about the school buildings which will help us allocate capital funds;

DFC is Devolved Formula Capital – a Government grant for Capital projects because we are a VA school (oops sorry Voluntary Aided School)

And then LCVAP stands for does anyone know what that stands for?

Locally Controlled Voluntarysomething or other – but its additional capital for specific projects.

SEN means Special Educational Needs and the SENCO is the Special Educational Needs Coordinator – you know Mrs Morgan!

Shall we move on?

We have received our budget and the AWPU has been set and it looks as if we will be able to set a budget this year. We are also making good progress towards the FMSIS assessment

Yes Mrs Jones..... oh yes AWPU ur uummm

Ageweighted.....pupil.....unit. Thank you headteacher and

FMSISCan any one help me with this one as well?

Financial.....Management..... Systems in Schools – just forgot that one for a minute!

Well moving swiftly on to some information about our lovely young pupils.

Following the increase last year in our PAN our NOR has risen and so have the number of pupils on FSM. The tracking of children through UPN's is working well and everyone is now on the system.

Yes Mrs Jones –

PAN – PUBLISHED ADMISSION NUMBER – the number of children we can admit in each year group.

FSM – FREE SCHOOL MEALS –

UPN – UNIQUE PUPIL NUMBER. Every child is allocated a reference number as soon as they start school and this number follows them throughout their school career. It makes it easier these days as children's names change so frequently.

Mrs Morgan has very kindly provided us with a SENCO Report. Yes Mrs Jones that's the Special Education Need Coordinator. This report is most informative.

The staff have all had CPD on the COP and work has started on updating the IEP's for children on the RON.

Yes Mrs Jones....I can just explain those.....

CPD – Continuing Professional DevelopmentTRAINING

COP – Code of Practice. This outlines the rights of SEN children and the responsibilities we have as a school, and the LA, have to meet their needs.

IEP's – these are INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLANS which every child who is on the RON or Register of Need must have. These are children who have had specific special needs identified and who need additional support and are on a register – does that help Mrs Jones?

Mrs Morgan also reports that there are 6 children on the EIP – EIP?

Mrs Jones – No I'm sorry I have no idea!!!!

Thank you Headteacher - Early Intervention Programme!

Well I think we are all feeling a little weary as well Mrs Jones.....

We are busy ensuring the SEF is up to date for OFSTED and the SDP has been scrutinised by the SIP and the SIAS SEF has also been completed!

Sorry Mrs Jones.....what do you mean you don't understand what this means well.....?

SEF – SELF EVALUATION FORM

OFSTED – OFFICE FOR STANDARDS IN EDUCATION

SDP – SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

SIP – SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PARTNER

SIAS – STATUTORY INSPECTION FOR ANGLICAN SCHOOLS

Is that all clear Mrs Jones? Good!

And finally an update on the STAFFING for the school.....

The SENCO is now part of the SMT and a review of PPA has been undertaken.

The FTE teaching staff is now 8 with 7 TA's and 2 HLTA's.

The TLR appointment has now taken place as well as the AST post.

Mr Evans has enrolled for NPQH and the NQT, Miss Edwards is doing well.....

No Mrs Jones I know you don't know what they all mean but I'm sure we will all pick it up as we go along!

Let's close our meeting with a prayer..... Amen!