

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the  
GOVERNORS OF KNOWL VIEW RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL  
held at the school on  
Wednesday 20th January 1993  
at 7.00 pm

**Present:** Mr J F Humphreys (in the Chair)  
Mrs E Lord  
Mr D Potter  
Mr I T Rees  
Mr W G Roberts  
Mr H H Wild  
Mr B Sagar  
Mr S Bradshaw (Headteacher)

**In attendance:** Councillor R Colley (Chairman Education Committee)  
Mrs D Cavanagh (Director of Education)  
Mrs V Mellor (Director Children's Centre  
Booth Hall Hospital)  
Ms M Simpson (Schools Adviser)  
Mr S Hewitt (for Clark to the Governors)

#### 209 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

#### 210 FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION TO REPORT BY MRS V MELLOR

At the commencement of the meeting Governors considered whether the Deputy Headteacher and the Head of Care should be invited to attend.

Following careful consideration it was

**RESOLVED** That in view of the nature of the matters to be discussed the meeting should be held in private and if required the Deputy Headteacher and the Head of Care could be invited to attend.

##### (a) Developments in School following Report by V Mellor

The Director of Education began the discussion which focussed on considering the reasons for this meeting. One of the recommendations in Mrs Mellor's report to the Director of Education in February 1992 was that it should be followed up by an investigation in January 1993 to check on progress at the school. The Director of Education, in commissioning the second report, wished to consult the Governors.

Governors considered the recommendations which had been submitted after the initial investigation and the Headteacher was invited to update Governors on those aspects of Mrs Mellor's Report which had been implemented.

**RESOLVED** That the Headteacher report to Governors at each ordinary meeting of the Governing Body on the progress being made on the implementation of the recommendations contained in Mrs Mellor's original report.

Ms H Simpson informed Governors of the developments and improvements which had taken place at the school over the last two years.

Following this discussion it was

- RESOLVED**
- (i) That a detailed report on developments at the School over the previous two years be prepared and presented to Governors.
  - (ii) That 'Reintegration of Pupils into Mainstream Education' be an agenda item at the next Governors meeting.

The Director of Education expressed concern that there had been little response from Social Services Department in proposing a Co-opted Governor.

The Director of Education undertook to take the matter up with the Director of Social Services.

**(b) Future Remit for Mrs Mellor**

The Director of Education outlined her proposals for Mrs Mellor's follow-up investigation, namely that Mrs Mellor would spend time with all the pupils, both in the classroom and in the residential units, to judge whether the provision promoted healthy development, intellectually, physically and morally. This would enable the Education Authority to take a view on the future of the school.

In discussion, the Governors accepted the basic remit and requested that the following should also be taken into account:

- (i) Evaluate mental health of pupils.
- (ii) Whether approach of school is a healthy one with regards to pupils.
- (iii) Look at needs of pupils.
- (iv) Look at adequacy of staffing levels in school.
- (v) Observe whether pupils are happy.

Mrs Mellor agreed that she would take on board the requests from the Governing Body but would pursue her own remit in producing the follow-up report.

The Chairman of Education Committee requested that it would be advantageous for the members of Education Committee to know if the school has a future and should, therefore, remain open.

Mrs Mellor assured the Chairman of Education that had the school not been benefitting the pupils then she would have had no reservation in making this known.

The Director of Education informed Governors that the follow-up report which was to be compiled by Mrs Mellor would be presented to the LEA and then to the Governing Body.

The Governors then

**RESOLVED** that the remit for the investigation be as agreed in the above discussion.

**(c) Related Issues**

Governors discussed various aspects of communication, management style and management practices within the school.

Governors expressed concern that various aspects of the school visit to France in August 1992 had still to be concluded to their satisfaction.

It was agreed that the Assistant Director (Policy Development) be requested to present a report to the next meeting of the Governing Body.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

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