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MINUTES

Llanidloes Schools' Federation Governing Body Meeting; Wednesday 4 February 2026, 6.30 pm at the primary school

PRESENT

In person: Clare Bound, Margot Jones, Daniel Owen, Megan Higgs, Sally Fowler, Linda Broughall, Christoph Schultz, Angela Williams, Lisa E Davies, Jamie Jones, Sarah Purdy, Heather Willis

Via Teams: Lisa Ashton

IN ATTENDANCE

Richard Williams (secondary school deputy headteacher), Nicole Jenkins (primary school acting deputy headteacher), Sue Bound (secondary school business manager), Helen Rees (clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Adrian Foulkes and Jordan Davies.

Governor not present and from whom apologies had not been received by the clerk was Karl Lewis.

The meeting was quorate, therefore business proceeded.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST/BUSINESS INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest made.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Governors were told that Gareth Morgan had resigned as an LA governor as he felt that it was important for a Llanidloes County Councillor to serve as a governor. LA Governor Services would now request nominations from County Councillors in the catchment. It was agreed to invite Mr Morgan to an event to celebrate and recognise his service of more than fifty years as a governor.

There was one vacancy for a primary school parent governor for which nominations would be requested.

4. BUSINESS OF MEETING

It was resolved according to The Government of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2005, Section 48 that part of this item be minuted as confidential.

It was agreed to follow the order of business as set out in the agenda. High school staffing matters were identified to be discussed under 'any other business'.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

This item was deferred to the next meeting of the full governing body.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT INCLUDED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

Item 8, delegation of functions, the appointment of AoLE link governors: it was agreed that Margot Jones would be the link governor for Expressive Arts, with Clare Bound attending the high school Improvement Board meeting on 5 February on her behalf.

7. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Staffing and Finance Committee had met on 21 January when Clare Bound had been elected Chair.

The primary school budget was forecast to carry a small surplus into 2027-28 but the position could change when the new funding formula was introduced, although schools had been advised that those with over 250 on roll would not be disadvantaged. Payment of the water leak relief of around £40K had still not been received. There had been a significant increase in the cost of staff absence insurance. It had been agreed that this was a necessary expense that should be paid but would be reviewed at renewal next year.

The secondary school budget forecast a cumulative surplus until the end of 2026-27. Pupil numbers had dropped slightly due to the LA adhering to the admission number of 117, resulting in a smaller delegated budget settlement. There were several long-term staff absences; specialist supply cover was being used where available with exam groups being prioritised.

8. CROCS, EARLY YEARS PROVISION

The meeting with Crocs staff had been postponed; an update would be shared with governors when available.

9. PRIMARY SCHOOL, SCHOOL FUND ACCOUNTS 1 SEPTEMBER 2024 – 31 AUGUST 2025

The accounts had been examined at the Staffing and Finance Committee meeting. Governors agreed the accounts and the audit certificate was signed.

10. SECONDARY SCHOOL, SCHOOL FUND ACCOUNTS

The 2024-25 accounts had been examined at the Staffing and Finance Committee meeting. Governors agreed the accounts and the audit certificate was signed.

Governors were told that there remained some outstanding questions on the accounts for 2020-24. Some accrued monies had been kept year on year, for example, the Prom account had carried a surplus of £1.8K for some time. Governors felt that, although it was prudent to build in a contingency for events, monies not spent should be returned to parents and not spent on another cohort. It was agreed that some reserves could be justified, for example, when replacement kit needed to be purchased for the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme

that would be used for many years. It was essential to follow guidance for the management of unofficial funds. It was agreed that the business manager would meet with Clare Bound and Margot Jones to clarify outstanding issues.

11. HEALTH AND SAFETY

Governors were told that the LA Highways department would not pay for the installation of lighting in the secondary school visitors' car park. There was a floodlight, but this had to be switched on and off from inside the premises. An electrical contractor had been asked to supply a quote and it was hoped that the work could be commissioned to take place in April.

The primary school had had another roof leak over a different section of the upper school. Work to repair this would be covered by Property Plus and had been requested as a matter of urgency.

12 POLICIES AND PUBLICATIONS

Consideration of the Uniform and Behaviour Policies and the primary school Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Plan would be deferred to the Summer term.

The Teachers' Pay Policy 2025-26 was agreed.

The ALN and Inclusion Policy, Complaints Policy and Procedure, Data Protection Policy, Staff Disciplinary Procedure, Freedom of Information Publication Scheme and Freedom of Information Policy had all been reviewed with no substantive changes and were agreed.

Governors were reminded of the importance of completing the Equalities survey to feed into the formulation of objectives for new Equality Plan.

13. GOVERNOR DEVELOPMENT

Governors were told that Nancy Owen, LA Finance Manager, would attend the next meeting of the Staffing and Finance Committee to discuss the roles and responsibilities of the committee and how governors could support the schools.

Governors were reminded to inform the clerk of any training completed.

14. DOCUMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS AND/OR CLERK

There were no such items.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AS, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIR, IS OF SUFFICIENT URGENCY TO WARRANT CONSIDERATION

It was resolved according to The Government of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2005, Section 48 that part of this item be minuted as confidential.

The secondary school headteacher told governors that Estyn inspectors would carry out a monitoring visit from 24 to 26 February.

16. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

It was resolved according to The Government of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations 2005, Section 48 that parts of item 4 and item 15 be minuted as confidential.

17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Governors were reminded to notify any such items to the clerk at least two weeks before the meeting date.

18. DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Full governing body

Wednesday 18 March 2026

Wednesday 29 April 2026 (budget approval 2026-27)

Wednesday 1 July 2026

Curriculum and strategic planning committee

Wednesday 4 March 2026

Wednesday 17 June 2026

Staffing and finance committee

Wednesday 15 April 2026 (budget approval 2026-27; first week of term)

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