

Minutes: Special Educational Needs Working Party of the Governing Body of Dog Kennel Hill School held at 62 Oakhurst Grove on Monday 14 February 2011 at 6:30

PRESENT

Peter Bibby (Convenor)

Marion Cranmer
Gillian Reeve
Philip Prior

Karen Jones
Robyn Harrison

Apologies Eileen Wray

1. Appointment of minute taker

The Convenor volunteered to take minutes

2. Minutes of meeting Monday 27 September 2010

No matters arising

3. Special Educational Needs Register

Robyn Harrison circulated the complete SEN register, which is 100 children or 21% of the school roll.

9 of these children have statements of special educational needs which is 1.9% of the school roll. It is interesting to note that in 2007 we had 25 children with statements.

The nature of the children's needs is different at different ages. speech and language needs are more common amongst younger children. A number of children in the nursery with speech and language needs are speaking English as an additional language and do not have consistent language support at home. For older children we are more likely to have identified a need for literacy support.

We considered all the children in each class and noted how complicated is the work of their teachers. We only covered children in nurser, reception and years 1 and 2, before running out of time.

4. Special Educational Needs spending

Four of the children with statements are leaving this year. Three from Year 6 and one from Year 2. Two of those children have unfunded statements. The school has in the past been spending £3,000 to £5,000 a year more on making special provision for each child with a funded statement than we receive in additional funding from Southwark. The departure of these children will reduce our spending and reduce our requirement for special educational staffing.

5. 2011/2012 School Budget

It is usual for Southwark to make errors in the school budget in relation to children with statements. These errors have almost always been under-funding. For the purpose of checking, Philip Prior agreed to send to Robyn Harrison and Peter Bibby the funding information when it is received from Southwark. That information should be in the form of a list of named children and the sum allocated to each as well as the budget sheets which give the numbers of children and total sum allocated.

6. School SEN Policy

The SEN policy is due for revision during 2011. We agreed to read the current policy before the next meeting and to have identified any areas likely to need changing.

The current SEN policy is not the website.

5. Governors attendance at annual reviews

Gillian Reeve and Peter Bibby reported favourably on three reviews that they had attended. Peter Bibby referred to a child who in year 2 was not able to have a conversation at all, but now in year 6 is able to talk relevantly, coherently and interestingly. The child will achieve level 4 at key stage 2 SATS. This is a triumph for all who have taught this child and particularly for Lindsay Harvey, our Speech and Language Therapist.

6. Date of next meeting

Next meeting will be on Monday 23 May 2011 6:30 at 62 Oakhurst Grove.