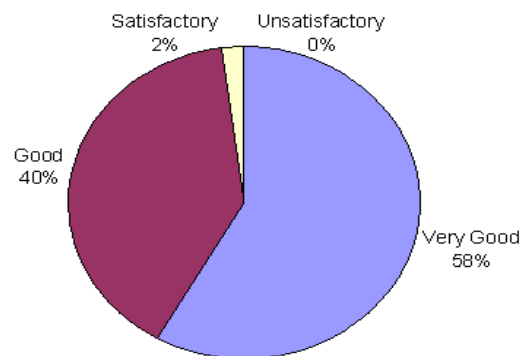


## Governors Conference - 12th May 2007



### Comments:

Very informative - good understanding of education system.

Excellent mix of presentations and workshops.

Excellent keynote speaker - I came to the conference on the strength of having seen John West-Burnham before!

Very interesting and informative with lots of ideas to stimulate thought.

Good information, very informative.

Good venue - easy to get to. Pleasant. Refreshments lovely - especially the tea selection.

Thought provoking. Knowledgeable presenters, very entertaining.

Not easy to give up a Saturday but it was worthwhile.

Thanks.

No parking - use other areas with M69, M1 access next time, vary venue.

This was my first regional conference but will definitely attend more.

Very thought provoking. Especially for someone who has been in education/alongside it for a long time. There are some good issues emerging. The child should be at the centre.

Inspirational speakers. Wonderful instructions for travelling. Super lunch. Follow up projects - sign up commitments.

Very enjoyable, informative and well organised conference - thanks to all concerned.

An informative eye-opening day. I now feel I need to talk to my school more about my role and function - have a lot to read.

As a new governor, I found it a very good introduction.

Lots of ideas and issues to take back to the governing body.

Very informative. Good place to network and find out what's happening outside own county.

Excellent - raised many interesting areas and number of questions that need actioning.

Excellent keynote and speakers.

Something for anyone involved with Governor support and delivery. The quality of all speakers I heard was very good.

This is the third year I have attended and I have thoroughly enjoyed every one. I always leave inspired and fired up. Lunch as ever was lovely.

Very informative, delivered in an interesting day.

Stimulating workshops.

### Indicate one or more follow up actions that you will take as a result of this conference.

Report back to school. Food for thought,

To view the new governor information on the Teachers TV website.

More interaction with audience. More focus on smaller schools.

Discussion on way forward for 11+ and beyond.

Learning walks. Pupil Voice - curriculum., Teachers TV. Consider role of governors within cluster/school network.

I will definitely log on to Teachers TV. I will talk to Governing Body and Headteacher about what I've learnt today and now have some constructive questions I want to ask when I get back to school.

Investigate Teachers' TV and persuade governors to buy Bob Mitchell's book and persuade Governors to use it to assess own Extended Schools provision.

Teachers' TV - look at for governor training issue. Governing body just judged only good so need a big push on training and motivation.

To look on Teachers' TV website and other websites to discuss ideas about ECM and Extended schools with other governors. To discuss funding opportunities and partnership opportunities.

Look at curriculum training for governors. I will look at Teachers' TV.

Investigate linking school council to subjects. Follow up learning walks.

Teachers' TV for governors. Get more involved with Extended Schools.

Consider what support we can offer governors for extended services. Look at Teachers' TV.

Pass on information to other governors on governing body. Look at information on Teachernet.

Make use of Teachers' TV.

To work directly with Head and Governing Body to consider where we go with this next.

Look at Governors' TV.

Teachers' TV, Learning Walks.

Teachers' TV. Investigate Learning Walks back in school.

Will talk about it to my head, clerk and governing body. We do some out of the box thinking, but this is something else.

Needs lots of thought.

To be more proactive as a literacy governor. To question more, to demand more information.

More input into web teacher learning/governor learning - Teachers' TV.

With head, assess where we are - and where we are going. Look at CAF in my school setting. Is this process in place?

Inform all governors on TV training, fantastic resource.

Teacher CPD programme. Use of Teachers' TV for governors. Induction of new governors.

Will disseminate information received and some of the views expressed to fellow governors. Will re-read some of the literature and notes given for future use.

I will definitely log on to Teachers' TV. I will talk to Governing Body and Headteacher about what I've learnt today and now have some constructive questions I want to ask when I get back to school.

I will watch Teachers' TV.

Develop ideas on Extended Schools.

Investigate Teachers' TV.

Further research on E.C.M. Look at Teachers' TV.

To have an overview of national issues. John West-Burnham and Maurice Coles were very informative and very

Extended schools agenda was very useful.

Write up a report and take it back to the next governing body meeting.

Take a closer look at Teachers' TV and suggest asking Syd to school.

Explore our community. Discuss Extended Services more often. Engage with the community/become more integrated. And I hope my school will too!

Extended schools - find out what's happening. CAF - find out how this fits with school discipline policy.

Agenda item for Governors re Extended Schools. Curriculum - walking tour idea, governors take feedback from pupils' school councils, older pupils as mentors, catch-up clubs.

All aspects but particularly the 'big picture' at the beginning with its emphasis on reviewing how schools achieve.

Partnerships and role of the school in the community - a powerful set of arguments put forward for greater involvement.

Look at Teacher TV website.

Will watch Teachers' TV and use in governor meetings and to induct new governors. Discuss more with the children - re the curriculum.

Use of student feedback.

Look at pupil involvement in the curriculum.

Teacher's TV - will possibly invite Syd to come to a governors' meeting. Speak to deputy head at Bennerley School about changes to the curriculum involving governors.

### **What aspects of the conference have been the most beneficial?**

Inspirational keynote by John West-Burnham.

As a new governor, all the print-outs help as there is a lot of information to take in.

Raising awareness of future developments over a diverse range of educational issues.

Workshops where you contribute to topical discussion, share ideas, learn new ideas.

Workshop with Bob Mitchell.

Speech by opening speaker.

Challenge for Leadership. Community collaboration.

Professor John Burnham. ECM at Beauchamp.

Workshops were excellent! However, I attended Workshop A - more about extended schools than ECM as promoted. Also with workshop D no mention of school workforce. A little misled as both workshops about same subject.

Teachers' TV address and workshop superb and practical.

From improvement to transformation.

Potential for extended schools and ECM.

Discussions in workshops.

Sharing good practice and worries with other governors, etc - networking.

The discussions on the SIP.

The whole lot - it all helps to add to our knowledge.

Workshop on ECM and extended services - great practical examples of how extended services works in practice - really

Being made aware of wider issues and bigger vision.

Meeting governors from other local authority areas. Gaining an overview of the developments in children and young people's services.

John West-Burnham refreshing, particularly his clarity re social justice. Prevention is a big word, which will require action over a long period of time and much skill. Workshops Good especially 1pm D and 2.30 D.

Workshops - attended Stuart Lindeman and SIP working.

All.

Probably the first part because it is the future. Useful to hear things about curriculum aspects, some useful bits.

All aspects.

Good introductory talkers.

Latest update on Extended Schools and how these ideas can be translated into action. Celebrate success in innovation in own school and recognise further ways forward.

Balance between informative/exploratory and the practical issues of workshops. Opportunity to network and receive good practice information.

All aspects useful - good mix of presentations and workshops.

Learning about the changes to the Local authorities - seeing the bigger picture.

ECM and Extended Schools.

Extended Services.

Keynote speaker - hugely beneficial. Every Child Matters.

To have an overview of national issues. John West-Burnham and Maurice Coles were very informative and very entertaining. Extended Schools agenda was very useful.

Excellent and informative presentations in the morning. Excellent and informative workshops in the afternoon. I did find it difficult to choose which workshop to go to though.

John West-Burnham. He ought to come to my school, hopefully they would take note of him, because they haven't listened to what I've been saying for the past couple of years.

Talking and meeting other governors.

Choosing areas of most relevance to me, now.

All aspects but particularly the big picture at the beginning with the emphasis on reviewing how schools achieve.

Partnerships and the role of the school in the community - a powerful set of arguments put forward for greater involvement.

The inspirational speakers and workshop leaders that give you points to consider/discuss that you may not have thought about before. Good to network with other governors.

Keynote speech.

Discussing and thinking about curriculum. Overview of Every Child Matters.

All of it.

ECM. The Curriculum. Teachers' TV website (new governors and other materials for governors). Meeting other governors.

**What aspects of this event could be improved if the conference was run again? What suggestions would you make for future events?**

Childcare facilities.

Location of venue. Hot lunch instead of cold.

You won't like this - but run it twice a year, please!

Schools in the future - need to specify 14-19 focus.

Keep the same format.

Different location - could it be moved around the region? Difficult to improve - I thoroughly enjoyed my first regional Directions for people coming from the East! (Not all governors live North or South). Water available on tables at back of hall.

Give longer to each talk in the morning or cut down on the number of talks (introductory stand-up comedial could be cut short). Make sure there is toilet paper in the ladies' loo.

Supply of drinking water please. When people in audience ask a question, it would be good if they were asked to stand up as voices quite muffled in the crowd.

Think you have got it spot on this year.

Not to put the chairs so close together.

Difficult to decide which workshop to attend, would have liked to see some of the others as well.

Carrier bag for all the handouts.

Area to sit for lunch.

No real practical benefits to me as a governor. Overall impression is that there is a continual process of change, with lots of resources available. There is no measure of outcome.

Venue not easy to find., Opportunity to meet people from own/shared authorities. A reading list e.g. John West-Burnham's work to further develop post conference. Would have liked to consider the workforce needed for this.

Add LA name to delegates' badges i.e. Derbyshire, Leicester etc. On original application you asked for workshop preference - pre allocate workshops beforehand and send out with confirmations.

Change venue to have parking facilities.

Shorter workshops so we can attend more.

I would suggest shorter workshops so that we could attend more than 2.

A little more air in the small rooms in the afternoon.

Production of brief outcome reports from workshops. Question and answer main themes fed back before departure.

Philosophy programmes - practical issues identification.

Good successful format - well worth keeping. Venue/accommodation/refreshments fine.

Run a workshop for new governors.

Provision of presentation notes on the day. Makes understanding and writing reports easier to do while 'hot'. I was disappointed that parental engagement not covered today and would like to know what is being done for teenagers particularly in Derby and other low-income areas,

Just about right I think - thanks a lot. Some ethnic groups well represented but no Asian participants at all for East Midlands. Directions to the venue from Melton Mowbray could be clearer.