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ERAGB CELEBRATES ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL GOVERNOR CONFERENCE

The third ERAGB conference for governors, the second organised in collaboration with East Riding Council, was held on 27th February at Bishop Burton College and attended by well over 100 delegates. The theme of this year's conference was 'Towards More Effective Governance' and it was a resounding success.

Assistant Director of Children, Family and Adult Services, John Wilson opened the conference with a philosophical look at the future of education provision in the East Riding. He pointed to the fact that there will be a significant role for governors, working in partnership with the local authority, in steering our schools successfully through the many educational developments envisaged by the government. This view was echoed by the keynote speaker Bradley Simmons HMI who outlined the considerable changes already made to the inspection regime in the new Section 5 Ofsted inspections. Governors need to be aware of the even higher expectations of schools' performance now being made by Ofsted and all will need to play a proactive role in school development planning and review. Bradley made it clear that governors are now very much an essential and influential element of school management. A copy of his conference presentation is available on our web site www.eragb.net

We were privileged to have a speaker with the depth of knowledge, understanding and experience of inspection so clearly demonstrated by Bradley and we thank him for taking the time to address our conference.

We were very pleased with the conference and the feedback we have received has been overwhelmingly positive. We have already started to think about the topic and the venue for next year. If you have any suggestions, please let us know by emailing ERAGB secretary Janet Slater on janetslater88@hotmail.com

We look forward to welcoming you to our conference in 2011.

COME AND CHAT WITH THE DIRECTOR

AN INVITATION TO ALL ERAGB REPS

Alison Michalska, East Riding's Director of Children Family and Adult Services, has kindly agreed to meet ERAGB reps in an informal setting to talk with them about anything they wish relating to the services for which she has responsibility. This special event for ERAGB reps will take place in October and probably at the Beverley Arms. Why not take this opportunity to get to know her and to inform her of your concerns, your ideas for our schools etc etc?

All ERAGB reps will receive their personal invitation to attend when the date has been finalised.

By East Riding Governors - For East Riding Governors

HAS YOUR SCHOOL JOINED ERAGB YET?

In response to the report received by all governing bodies at their Spring term meeting, more than 70 schools have informed us of the contact details of their representatives. They will now receive the National Governors Association (NGA) Newsletter on a weekly basis and the NGA Bulletin monthly.

Both documents are vital for governors since they provide up-to-date, accurate information about developments on the Education scene including, amongst a very wide range of matters, recent and planned changes to the law(s) which will affect schools, reports on meetings with Ministers and Senior Officials of the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF), the NGA view (non-political) of the threatened boycott of KS2 SATS tests and how governors might respond.

In addition they will receive Child Support Network (CSN) briefings. Recent briefings have included 'Working together to safeguard children – revised guidance' or 'Improving parental confidence in the special educational needs system' or 'Power to refer pupils to off-site provision to improve their behaviour' a consultation paper which focuses on new draft guidance and regulations giving governing bodies the power to direct registered pupils to off-site provision to improve their behaviour. Information bulletins like these are just one of the important advantages for the governors whose schools have signed up to be ERAGB members.

If your governing body has still not joined it is not too late. There has been no membership fee for 2 years now because of the income gained from the sale of our publications.

**Join now!
It's FREE
What have you got to lose?
It's all gain!!**

ERAGB Publications

Since our formation in 2005 ERAGB have been particularly active in producing a number of publications to help governors do their job better including:

Information and Guide for New Governors of Schools

Are we doing what we are supposed to be doing?

(a self-analysis tool)

and most recently

Are we doing what we are supposed to be doing to promote the well-being of children?

(A guide to implementing the ECM agenda).

There is direct evidence that use of these publications has proven to be of value during Ofsted visits, helping to prove that a governing bodies approach is both structured and thorough.

These essential publications and a mass of other valuable information and links for new and experienced governors are available FREE from the ERAGB web site at 'www.eragb.net'.

Ask ERAGB

Collectively, ERAGB council have over 100 years experience in governance and are keen to share this knowledge by communicating and supporting East Riding governors.



Currently we are trialling a two way discussion forum through Ask ERAGB a Question and welcome suggestions for future publications.

Visit our web site for more information.