

# **OAK VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## **GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER**

**Autumn 2017**

### **Welcome to first edition of the Oak View School Governors' Newsletter.**

You may have seen us around school, at events, parent consultation evenings and perhaps in the playground when dropping off/picking up your children. But you would not necessarily see or know what we actually do. It is our intention to address this through regular newsletters.

The role of a school governor has changed over the years and is still evolving. We still like to be invited to prize giving celebrations, assemblies and school concerts, sports day etc but we now have more of a strategic role, a statutory obligation to ensure that the school is operating effectively in line with legislative and educational requirements.

This means doing the following:

- Acting strategically
- Being accountable to stakeholders ( that means you)
- Ensuring financial probity

#### **How do we do this?**

- By meeting at regular intervals through the year as a governing body to discuss and plan the school's development/action plan and monitor progress. We also have responsibilities with regard the planning and spending of the school budget.
- By designating governors specific responsibilities: Safeguarding, attendance, SEND, Staff development and school improvement.
- By having regular committee meetings to discuss school finance and personnel.
- Visiting and being familiar with the school and the school community.
- Speaking to pupils and staff ( called pupil interviews)
- By regularly reviewing and updating school policies
- Attending regular training linked to our roles and responsibilities

Our photographs are in the lobby of the school and you can find more information about us on the school website under Governance.

### **Recent additions to the governing body**

Dr Martin Smart

Mrs Iuliana Stirbu is a parent governor who has 2 children currently attending Oak View.

Mr Nick Brown – Chair of Welwyn Hatfield Chamber of Commerce

### **Saying Goodbye**

**We recently said fare well to Maureen Cook who had been a governor at this school for many years. Maureen worked tirelessly with Mrs Davis, staff and the governing body during the merger process when Stream Woods and Briars Lane School became Oak View School. Governors and the school community would like to thank her for all her hard work over these very busy years and wish her the very best for the future.**

### **We currently have vacancies for parent governors**

We are looking for parents that are interested in working with us as part of a team with the aim of raising standards for all pupils attending this school. We are currently rated as 'Good' by Ofsted and would of course like our school to be rated as 'Outstanding'.

That have some time they can commit to attend meetings and attend training.

- We have 4 full governing body meetings a year.
- (Participation in committees is encouraged as this gives an insight and involvement in school development).

Have an enquiring mind and a willingness to ask questions and an interest in the progress and development of the school to benefit its pupils.

**Not sure if this is you? Please feel free to find out more. The Chair of Governors can be contacted via the school office or by email [governor.anneclarke@oakview.herts.sch.uk](mailto:governor.anneclarke@oakview.herts.sch.uk) or approach us directly.**



**2017 Governor 'Personal Achievement Award' winners Tyrese and Katy. Well done to both of you.**