**SGA – 16 November 2017**

**Questions for discussion in groups:**

**1. What do we want the SGA to be?**

**2. What would we like to retain or change? What is our vision?**

**3. What should the SGA focus on over the next year**?

Feedback:

**1. What do we want the SGA to be?**

* Forum for communicating developments and changes
* Networking and connection
* Something different to other governor forums
* Pressure group

**2. What would we like to retain or change? What is our vision?**

* Governors need to be kept informed of developments (not through HT)
* Hear about wider issues
* Share resources
* Networking time during meetings
* Sharing excellence, sharing responses to challenges
* Case studies of good practice
* At present, information sharing by LA – less of it
* Want to discuss governors’ concerns
* Share problems/solutions/experience
* Softer aspects of being a governor:
  + relationships
  + getting/support managing volunteers
  + governor development
* To have a SEN forum
* To have a safeguarding governors’ meeting

**3. What should the SGA focus on over the next year**?

* Managing/responding to funding cuts and financial challenges
* SGA to challenge the LA on asserting the paramount needs of our schools and children
* Staff retention
* Employability and skills – what will our children do in the future?
* Talk and insight into special schools and employability
* Staff retention (cost/timescale of recruitment, the use of agencies etc)– links with affordable housing, childcare, training.