

Minutes

SCHOOLS FORUM

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SCHOOLS FORUM HELD ON TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2017 IN KNIGHT HALL, GREEN PARK, ASTON CLINTON, COMMENCING AT 1.30 PM AND CONCLUDING AT 4.30 PM

PRESENT

Headteachers	Mr P Rowe (Chairman)	Princes Risborough School
	Mr G Drawmer	Juniper Hill School
	Mrs D Rutley	Wycombe Grange PRU
	Mr A Rosen	Aylesbury High School
	Ms S Skinner	Bowerdean School
	Mr K Patrick	Chiltern Hills Academy
	Mr O Lloyd	Iver Heath Junior School
	Ms K Tamlyn	Cheddington Combined School
	Mr R Burman	The Aylesbury Vale Academy
	Mrs K Duckworth	Padbury CE School
Governors	Dr K Simmons	Cressex Community School
	Mrs G Bull	Haddenham St Mary's Church of England School
Representative	Ms C Glasgow	NASUWT
	Mr M Moore	Catholic Diocese of Northampton
	Ms W Terry	Manor Farm Pre-School
In Attendance		
Officers	Mr J Huskinson, Ms A Sayani, Ms J Try and Miss S Callaghan	

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN/ VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Mr P Rowe (Headteacher at Princes Risborough School) be elected Chairman of the Schools Forum for the current academic year.

That Mr A Rosen (Headteacher at Aylesbury High School) be appointed Vice Chairman of Schools Forum for the current academic year

2 ELECTION OF SCHOOLS FORUM FUNDING GROUP MEMBERS

The following membership of the Schools Forum Funding Group was agreed:

Mr P Rowe – Chairman, Schools Forum
Mr A Rosen – Vice Chairman, Schools Forum
Mr S Sneesby – Special School representative
Mrs W Terry - Early Years representative (substitute Mrs F Brooks)
Mrs K Tamlyn – Combined School representative
Mrs A Coneron – Special School representative
Mr K Patrick – Academy Upper representative
Mr M Moore – Catholic Diocese of Northampton
Mr S Keary- Combined School representative.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from:

- Mr A Wanford
- Mr D Hood
- Mr S Sneesby
- Mr S Kearey
- Ms J Freeman

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5 MINUTES OF THE MEETING/ MATTERS ARISING

The minutes from the meeting held on 08 June 2017 were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

There were no further matters arising.

6 CONSTITUTION APPROVAL

- There were some amendments to be made that were highlighted by the forum.
ACTION: Ms C Beevers
- The forum voted for the adoption of the revised constitution- **AGREED** unanimously.

7 PAY AWARD UPDATE

Ms S Ayton gave an overview of the paper provided.
Further points were raised as follows:

- The deletion of ISN 6 meant there would be fewer points in the range so the level of increase would be higher. This would not be an issue within the Bucks Pay scheme.
- Staff on range 1A tended to be midday supervisors or cleaners – class room assistants were range 1B.

- Range 1A was still needed.
- The alternative to removing points within the pay ranges would be to keep the same number of points but have lower increases each time.
- There would be a 1% pay cap overall.

RESOLVED: The forum AGREED the proposal but pending further scrutiny regarding the minimum wage and national minimum living wage.

The Forum requested that Ms Ayton come back to the November meeting with a further update.

ACTION: Ms C Beevers

The Chairman thanked Ms Ayton for the update.

8 SCHOOLS FORUM FUNDING GROUP UPDATE

Mr A Rosen gave a short overview of the discussions held at the SFFG.

9 CONTINGENCY GROUP UPDATE

Ms J Try gave a brief update on the Contingency group in Mr D Hood's absence.

10 UPDATE ON EDUCATION STRATEGIES

Ms S Callaghan gave an overview on the education strategies:

The following points were raised in discussion:

- There would be a loss of the £650k in the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) reform grant.
- Decisions needed to be made as to what services should be recommissioned.
- The Local Authority needed to consider future service provision recognising there would be changes to historic funding.
- Budgets and service provision needed to be configured to meet current demands and trends. The majority of Education and Health Care Plans (EHCP) were done just prior to the child going to the school.
- The right support needed to be given to children at an early stage before starting school if appropriate. There needed to be more efficient sharing of information between services.
- The current Early Help Review was aimed at engaging with vulnerable families and their children at an early stage. There needed to be earlier identification of problems and a targeting of those families currently not accessing services.
- The Early Help budget was £7million.
- As well as identifying the issues it was important to deliver the outcomes.
- Partnership working, including with Social Care, was an important part of the strategy.
- There had to be a review of existing service provision based on current funding as well as development of new opportunities to work together with health and social care.
- There had to be a needs led response, rather than a financially driven response.

The Chairman thanked Ms Callaghan for the update.

11 NATIONAL FUNDING FORMULA PROPOSALS

Mr J Huskinson gave an overview of the report provided.

The following points were raised in discussion:

- The NFF consultation document would come back to the end of October meeting.
ACTION: Mr J Huskinson
- In the past there had been some concerns over the quality of the consultation and whether the right questions were being asked. This would be scrutinised at the Funding Group meeting.
- The consultation document needed to start with the strategic aims so that it was clear how Buckinghamshire were looking to achieve the end goal.
- It would be useful to have models against different levels of schools so that people responding to the consultation could get a general feel for what it would mean for them.
- It would be useful to hold a series of roadshows prior to the consultation to help people through the difficult concepts. There should be an open question section at the end.

ACTIONS: Mr J Huskinson/Mr M Appleyard

The Chairman thanked Mr Huskinson for the update.

12 2018 MEETING DATES

Dates to be confirmed.

13 AOB/ ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Teacher recruitment- it was a pressing issue in schools.
- De-delegation- work with contingency group first.

14 DATE OF NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS

31 October 2017, 1.30pm, Stafford Room, Green Park.

CHAIRMAN