

SCHOOLS FORUM

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of the Schools Forum held on Wednesday, 6 October 2021 at 4.30 pm as a virtual meeting.

Present

Jackie Collins	Head Teacher (Devonshire Infant)	Primary Phase
Dave Jones	Head Teacher (Craneswater Junior)	Primary Phase
Share D'All	Governor (Bramble Infant & Nursery)	Primary Phase
Jo Cooper	Stamshaw Infant	Primary Phase
Sharon Burt	Academies (Solent Academies Trust)	Special Schools
Laura Flitton	Academies (University of Chichester Academy Trust)	Primary Phase
Sean Preston	Academies (Hamwic Academy Trust)	Primary Phase
Nys Hardingham	Salterns Academy Trust	Secondary Phase
Caroline Corcoran	Salterns Academy Trust	Secondary Phase
Nathan Waites	Springfield School	Secondary Phase
Pat Denham	Representative (Portsmouth College)	16 - 19 Education
Lynne Stagg	Councillor	Liberal Democrat Party

31. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Simon Barrable (and his named substitute Mike Gaston), David Jeapes, Jason Crouch, Councillor Udy, Mike Stoneman and Julia Katherine.

Pat Denham (Vice Principal for Learning and Quality) at Portsmouth College was present today on behalf of Simon Barrable. As she was not the named substitute for Simon, she would not have any voting rights unless the Forum agreed to this proposal. Schools Forum members had no objections therefore Pat Denham would therefore have voting rights for the meeting today.

32. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interests from Forum members.

Alison Egerton advised that there were outstanding declarations from Victoria Page, Anne Chapman and Chris Purnell. Alison added that she had checked the records where there are declarations of interest that are over two years old, and she would be sending out new forms for those members to complete to update the records.

33. Membership Changes

Dave Jones explained that the Vice Chair position on Schools Forum was up for renewal so he would need to leave the meeting whilst Schools Forum voted on this. Alison Egerton reminded members that she had asked at the last meeting whether anyone would be interested in taking over the role of Vice Chair; nobody had come forward and she had received a lot of support for Dave to continue in his role.

Dave Jones then left the meeting. Alison Egerton explained that the proposal was that Dave Jones, as Primary Headteacher representative, continue in the role as Vice Chair for Portsmouth Schools Forum.

This was proposed and seconded and as there was no dissent it was **RESOLVED** that Dave Jones continue in the role as Vice Chair for a period of two years. Dave Jones re-joined the meeting.

Alison added that there was one secondary academy representative vacancy on Schools Forum. She said if Schools Forum members could talk to their colleagues to get someone put forward that would be appreciated.

34. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 July 2021 and matters arising

There were two corrections needed to the minutes:

1. Share D'All is a governor at Bramble Infant School
2. Caroline Corcoran is representing Salterns Academy Trust.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2021 be confirmed as a correct record, subject to the above corrections.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

35. Dedicated Schools Grant quarter 1 Budget monitoring report and revised budget

Alison Egerton introduced the report.

RESOLVED Schools Forum

- 1. Noted the forecast year end budget position for the Dedicated Schools Grant as at 30 June 2021, together with the associated explanations contained within this report.**
- 2. Endorsed the delegation to the Section 151 Officer or their delegated representative, the responsibility to adjust the Early Years block budget in line with the DSG allocation adjustments in November 2021 and January 2022.**
- 3. Endorsed the revisions to the 2021-22 budget as set out in Appendix 1 and section 8.**

36. School funding arrangements 2022-23

Angela Mann introduced the report.

In response to a question relating to paragraph 5.2 and how this compares to inflation rates, Angela said that different supplies have different inflation rates. Officers cannot change the rates that are put on the different national formula factors and so there could be an inflationary pressure. Forum members noted the drop in school intake numbers which is a national issue which decreases funding as well as costs rising nationally.

In response to a further question regarding pressures on the high needs block for 2022-23, Angela explained that officers were looking at placements that will be needed for next year and working through calculations and would know more when putting together the report for Schools Forum.

RESOLVED that Schools Forum:

- 1. Noted the Department for Education's proposed changes to school revenue funding arrangements for 2022-23, as set out in this report.**
- 2. Endorsed the proposals for implementing the local funding formula arrangements as set out in this report in particular to:**
 - Implement the National Funding Formula rates for both primary and secondary schools in 2022-23 as set out in Appendix 1**
 - Implement a minimum funding guarantee (MFG) of at least +0.5% and up to +2.0% subject to affordability, for 2022-23 as set out in paragraph 5.8**

- **The method of managing affordability as set out in paragraph 5.10**
- **Implement the disapplication request as set out in section 6**

The dates of future meetings were noted as follows:

- 1 December 2021
- 19 January 2022
- 9 February 2022

The meeting on 1 December would be a virtual meeting. Dave Jones gave his apologies for this meeting.

The meeting concluded at 4.55 pm.

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Chair