

SCHOOLS FORUM

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of the Schools Forum held on Wednesday, 19 January 2022 at 4.30 pm as a virtual meeting.

Present

Jackie Collins	Head Teacher (Devonshire Infant)	Primary Phase
David Jeapes	Head Teacher (Mayfield)	Secondary Phase
Share D'All	Governor (Bramble Infant & Nursery)	Primary Phase
Sharon Burt	Academies (Solent Academies Trust)	Special Schools
Laura Flitton	Academies (University of Chichester Academy Trust)	Primary Phase
Nys Hardingham	Salterns Academy Trust	Secondary Phase
Caroline Corcoran	Salterns Academy Trust	Secondary Phase
Nathan Waites	Springfield School	Secondary Phase
Mike Gaston	Representative (Portsmouth College)	16 - 19 Education
Judith Smyth	Councillor	Labour Party
Terry Norton	Councillor	Conservative Party

37. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Jason Crouch, Dave Jones, Kara Jewell, Sean Preston and Mike Stoneman.

38. 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. She thanked Form members who had provided an updated declaration of interest following an exercise at the end of the last calendar year.

39. Membership changes

David Jeapes informed the Forum members that after 10 years on the Schools Forum he would be stepping down after the February meeting. He had really enjoyed his time on the Forum but felt it was time to let someone else lead the Forum and try other projects. He wished to thank all the officers he had worked with over those 10 years. Alison Egerton thanked David on behalf of the officers for all the work he has put in and all the support he had given officers.

Officers had spoken to Simon Graham as the only other maintained secondary head in the city and he has agreed to take the place of maintained secondary representative on the Forum after the February meeting.

Since the last meeting Simon Barrable from Portsmouth College had retired. Mike Gaston is attending in his place as post 16 representative whilst officers sort out a permanent replacement.

There are three tenures due to cease after the February meeting; Jackie Collins, Jason Crouch and Nys Hardingham. Alison had spoken to all three members who had indicated that they are happy to continue. Alison had written to all representative groups to inform them.

There is one secondary academy representative vacancy and Alison had written to all members to see if another volunteer would be willing to join the Forum.

40. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 October 2021 and matters arising

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

41. School funding arrangements 2022-23

Angela Mann, Finance Manager introduced the report.

The Chair said it seemed sensible to put the increase into the lump sum for the reasons outlined in the papers.

In response to a question the following point was clarified:

For the mainstream schools there is a guide as to how the supplementary grant will be distributed and officers had drafted a table which would be circulated to schools shortly to give them an indicative amount. Officers were not clear yet how the DfE would deal with things such as the rounding of pupil data. Guidance was still awaited on the high needs supplementary grant.

RESOLVED that School Members of Schools Forum:

1. Endorsed the proposed changes to the mainstream schools revenue funding arrangements as set out in Section 5.

2. Endorsed the school revenue funding pro-forma at Appendix 4 for submission to the ESFA on 21 January 2022.

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3. Endorsed the use of the carry forward on the Schools Specific Contingency for the same purpose in 2022-23

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4. Endorsed the budget to be held centrally for the payment of central licences negotiated nationally for all schools by the Secretary of State.

5. Endorsed the use of the 2021-22 underspend on the Growth Fund for use for the same purpose in 2022-23.

6. Approved the Growth Fund:

- Budget for 2022-23 as set out in Appendix 1**
- Criteria for 2022-23 as set out in Appendix 3**

7. Approved the budgets to be held centrally specifically:

- Schools Forum**
- Admissions**
- Duties retained by the local authority for all schools**

42. Dedicated Schools Grant 2021-22 Quarter 2 Budget Monitoring

Alison Egerton, Group Accountant, introduced the report.

RESOLVED Schools Forum noted the forecast year end budget position for the Dedicated Schools Grant as at 30 September 2021, together with the associated explanations contained within this report.

The Chair informed everyone that the next meeting on 9 February would be a virtual meeting.

The meeting concluded at 5.00 pm.

David Jeapes
Chair