

SCHOOLS FORUM

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of the Schools Forum held on Thursday, 13 July 2023 at 4.30pm at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

Present

Dave Jones	LA Maintained	Primary Phase
Jackie Collins	LA Maintained	Primary Phase
Jack Jones	Academies	Primary Phase
Sean Preston	Academies	Primary Phase
Ruth Worswick	Academies	Primary Phase
Nathan Waites	Academies	Secondary Phase
Sharon Burt	Academies	Special
Kara Jewell	Early Years	
Ryan Brent	Councillor	
Chris Dike	Councillor	
Suzy Horton	Councillor, Observer	
Sam Galloway	Observer	

70. Apologies

Apologies were received from Sally Hodgson, Nys Hardingham and Simon Graham.

71. Declarations of Interest

The following members' declarations are outstanding:

Ruth Worswick
Cllr Tom Coles
Cllr Leo Madden
Cllr R Brent
Cllr C Dike
Nathan Waites

72. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 24 May.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2023 be agreed as a correct record.

73. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

74. Membership Update.

At the previous meeting it was misreported that three tenures were due to finish after the July meeting. The tenures were in fact due to finish on 7 July.

These are:

Share D'All - primary maintained schools' governor.

Anne Hibbert - primary academies.

Dave Jones - primary maintained schools, head teacher.

Share and Anne have stood down and were formally thanked for their valued contribution.

Renewed tenures

Dave Jones - primary maintained head teacher.

Nathan Waites - secondary academies representative.

New members

The forum welcomed the new primary academy representatives:

Jack Jones

Ruth Worswick

Sally Hodgson

Current Vacancies.

Due to a change of role in the academy trust, Mike Garlick has resigned as a secondary academy representative.

There are five current vacancies.

- Three academy secondary representatives.
- One maintained secondary governor representative.
- One maintained primary governor representative.

There are no further tenures that are due to come to an end in 2023 calendar year.

75. Dedicated Schools Grant Outturn 2022-23

Angela Mann, Finance Manger introduced the report.

Mike Stoneman, Deputy Director of Education added that a working group is being set up and will have its first meeting in September. Its role is to review the high needs funding that is going into mainstream schools. in order to support schools particularly in terms of inclusion. The DSG uncommitted carry forward could be used to support revenue or capital projects. He confirmed that the council has had a very good response from headteachers wishing to participate in the working group. Sean Preston confirmed he would also be keen to be involved.

The Chair noted that it was great that the uncommitted DSG carry forward will be considered for supporting inclusion in our mainstream schools

DECISION

The Schools Forum noted the year end budget position for the Dedicated Schools Grant as at 31 March 2023, together with the associated explanations contained within this report.

76. Local Authority Maintained School Balances at 31 March 2023

Alison Egerton, Group Accountant introduced the report and added that since writing it, St Jude's school has responded, and the council is exploring how to support the school.

The Chair noted that schools appreciate the contact to help with some of the challenging issues they are going through with budgets. The funding and salaries information was be published today..

The meeting concluded at 4.50pm.

Dave Jones
Chair