

Schools Forum

Thursday 11 January 2024

Minutes

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WARWICKSHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM

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Microsoft Teams meeting 14:00 – 16:00 pm

SCHOOL FORUM MEMBERS

Alison Ramsay	Nicholas Chamberlaine School (Academy)
Amy Woodward	North Leamington School (Academy)
Andy Mason	Stratford Upon Avon School (Academy)
Aveninder Kaur	Representative from a Teacher's Union
Blake Francis	The Avon Valley School & Performing Arts College
Carrie Clare	Park Lane Primary & Race Leys Junior (Academy)
Claire Jeffs-Watts	Bridgetown Primary School ((Maintained)
Jane Burrows	Myton School (Academy)
Mary Anne Burrows	PVI – The Burrow Nursery & Pre-School
Michael Cowland	The Diocese of Coventry Multi Academy Trust
Nicci Burton	Atherstone and Bedworth Heath Nursery School (Maintained)
Paul Hosted	The Warwickshire Academy
Rebecca Harrison	Park Hill Thorns Federation (Maintained)
Ricky Emms	The Priors School (Academy)
Rose Gunn	Arden Forest Infant School (Maintained)
Sarah Bromley	PVI - Castle Nursery
Sybil Hanson	Coventry Church of England Diocese Representative

OFFICERS/OBSERVERS

Brian Smith	Education, Children and Families Technical Specialist
Councillor Kam Kaur	Portfolio Holder for Education
Dalbir Kaur	Accountant, Children & Education - Clerk to Schools Forum
Emma Basden-Smith	Education Capital, Sufficiency and Transport Lead Commissioner
Johnny Kyriacou	Director of Education
Matthew Biggs	Head of Access to Education
Purnima Sherwood	Service Manager for Finance
Ross Caws	Lead Commissioner - Strategy and Commissioning
Stephanie Phillips	Senior Accountant (Team Lead) - Children & Education

1. Apologies (Started 0:0:00, Ended 0:0:35)

Please note: the start and the end time is the recording time of the meeting.

Apologies were received from the following members and Officers:

Andrew Felton	Assistant Director - Finance
Peter Husband	16-19 Partnership Sector
Philip Johnson	Whitestone Infant School (Maintained Governor)
Sophie Thompson	School Improvement Networks Lead Officer

The following members did not attend and did not give their apologies:

Catherine Crisp
Siobhan Roberson

Hillmorton Primary School Rugby (Maintained)
Harris Church of England School (Academy)

Matters for decision:

2. Voting and Actions from the Last Meeting (Vice Chair) (Started 0:0:35, Ended 0:1:7)

Agreed as a true record

No Actions

3. National Funding Formula 2024-25 (Stephanie Phillips) (Started 0:1:7, Ended 0:48:55)

Recommendation:

Schools Forum members are asked to agree:

- a) Schools Forum is asked to agree to recommend to Cabinet implementation of the National Funding Formula in 2024-25.

Voting: 14 members agree
0 members disagree

- b) Schools Forum is asked to agree to recommend to Cabinet implementation of the National Funding Formula in 2024-25. This assume that the Local Authority's disapplication to the Secretary of State for a transfer of 0.5% from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block is approved.

Voting: 16 members agree
0 members disagree

Action: Schools Forum members requested that Warwickshire County Council (WCC) officer contact DFE and flag the fact of shortfall in funding to apply the hard national funding formula. WCC officer to contact DFE.

4. Early Years National Funding Formula 2024-25 (Stephanie Phillips) (Started 0:48:55, Ended 1:25:1)

Recommendations:

Schools Forum members are asked to approve:

- a) The Schools Forum is asked to approve increasing the deprivation rate for 3 & 4-year olds to 68p per eligible child and allocating the remaining available funding to the universal base rate bringing it to £5.22 per hour per child for 2024-25.
- b) The Schools Forum is asked to approve the new basis for the deprivation supplement rate for 2-year-old and under 2s.
- c) The Schools Forum is asked to approve the retention of 5% of funding from under 2s, 2-year-old disadvantage offer, 2- year-old working parents and 3&4 years old entitlements.

- d) The Schools Forum is asked to note the extension in special education needs inclusion funds (SENIF) to children ages 9 months to 2 years with SEND who are taking up the early years entitlements.

Voting: 14 members agree to all four recommendations
0 members disagree

Action: Send revised Paper. The Deprivation rate from 0.63 to 0.68 and wording in 1.2 are updated. Revised paper will be sent with draft minutes.

5. Growth Fund 2024-25 (Emma Basden-Smith) (Started 1:25:1, Ended 1:32:51)

Recommendations:

All Schools Forum members are asked to agree:

- a) That funding from the 2024/25 DSG Schools Block of £3.599m is allocated to the Pupil Growth Fund to support the requirements.

Voting: 13 members agree
0 members disagree

Matters for Information/Comment:

6. DSG Monitoring Report 2023-24 (Brian Smith) (Started 1:32:51, Ended 1:45:20)

Recommendations:

All Schools Forum members are asked to note:

- The DSG forecast financial outturn position for 2023/24, as at Period 8.
- The forecasted outturn position of the DSG reserve for 2023/24, as at Period 8

7. DSG Recovery Plan Update (Ross Caws) (Started 1:45:20, Ended 1:51:40)

Recommendations:

All Schools Forum members are asked to note:

- The forecast on the High Needs Block from the Delivering Better Value Programme.
- Note and support the projects put in place to achieve the 'Lower Bound Target Mitigation'.

8. Forward Plan (Dalbir Kaur) (Started 1:51:40, Ended 1:52:9)

Next Schools Forum is on 21 March 2024. There are three items for decision and three for information and comments.

Members can add item on the agenda by sending the relevant information to:
schoolfunding@warwickshire.gov.uk

9. Chairs Business (Started 1:51:40, Ended 1:52:45)

Vice Chair (Nicci Burton):

- Thanked Andy Felton on behalf of Schools Forum for his service and contribution as he is leaving WCC this month.
- Thanked members for their discussions on the reports.
- Thanked officers for their contribution to reports.

Note: Voting took place via Hands up function on teams.

Meeting concludes at 15:57pm.

If you would like to listen to the full meeting, please click [here](#)

Next Meeting on Thursday 21st March 2024, 2:00pm to 4:00 pm via Microsoft Teams.