

THE SCHOOLS FORUM

Wednesday 11th March 2020 at 5pm in The Legrave Centre, Strangers Way, Luton LU4 9ND

Schools Members:

Governors: Roger Kendrick (Secondary), Gamini Subasinghe (Secondary), Lesley McCullagh (Central Primary), Peyman Owladi (South Primary)

Headteachers: Chris Day (Pupil Referral Unit), Daryl Pritchard (Nursery), Jenny Wightman (North Primary), David Bradshaw (South Primary), Richard Fordham (East Primary), Edel Gillespie (West Primary), Mike Austins (Central Primary), Karen Johns (Secondary), Hilary Davies (Special School), Colin Pickard (East Primary), John Burridge (North),

Academies Representatives: Joanne Mylles, Teresa Kelly, Amelia Whitehouse, Ian Joyce, David Graham, Daniel Connor

Non-Schools Members:

Altaf Hussain – Providing education beyond age 16 Representative

Christine Rogers – Early Years Representative

Cllr Mahmood Hussain – Portfolio Holder Children and Learning

Gibson Manyukwi – Trade Union (Teaching)

Cllr Aslam Khan - Education Portfolio holder

Member Attendees

Chris Day	CD	Pupil Referral Unit Representative (Chair)
David Bradshaw	DB	South Primary Headteacher
John Burridge	JB	North Secondary Headteacher
Mike Austins	MA	Central Primary Headteacher
Edel Gillespie	EG	West Primary Headteacher
Hilary Davies	HD	Special School Headteacher
Amelia Whitehouse	AW	Academy Representative
Karen Johns	KJ	Secondary Headteacher
Ian Joyce	IJ	Academy Representative
Daryl Pritchard	DP	Nursery Headteacher
Peyman Owladi	PO	South Primary Governor
Daniel Connor	DC	Academy Representative
Roger Kendrick	RK	Secondary Governor
Helen Middleton	HM	Early Years Representative
Chris Rogers	CR	Early Years Representaive
Colin Pickard	CP	East Primary Headteacher
Joanne Mylles	JM	Academy Representative

Officer Attendees

John Wrigglesworth	JW	Service Director – Support, Challenge & Intervention
Atif Iqbal	AI	Finance Business Partner
Rustum Setna	RS	Principal Accountant, School
Jaspreet Raju	JR	Clerk to the School Forum
Davina Stubbs	DS	Local Authority Officer

Agenda Item			Action
1	Welcome and introductions	CD – Welcome John Burr ridge & Christine Rogers to the Forum.	
2	Apologies	<p>Apologies had been received in advance of the meetings from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teresa Kelly • Cllr Mahmood Hussain • David Graham • Altaf Hussain <p>All apologies were accepted.</p>	
3	Previous minutes	<p>The previous minutes were reviewed page by page for accuracy.</p> <p>Change MESH to MASH in Item 7</p>	JR
4	Matters arising	The matters arising from the previous minutes are shown on the table on the last page of the last meetings minutes.	
5	Declarations of interest	CD asked if any members of the School Forum wished to make a declaration of interest. <i>There were none declared.</i>	
6	Local and National Update	JW – We had Ofsted inspection in January, focusing on MASH & the assessment team, Ofsted was not convinced that Luton's process to keeping children are adequate, Since that inspection there were many meetings with colleagues & the Designated safeguarding team. There will be a meeting with governors next week to go through the report. The link to this meeting	

		<p>is that the council is going to have to find additional resources to support children social care to ensure health & protection of our children is good in the next 2 years. We began a competition to open a special secondary free school on York street. We have had a lot of interest & the plan is to open this special school by September 2021. The need for this school is due to increased numbers at Woodlands (special secondary school). We are also looking at new Autism provision in primary schools, which will be at Downside primary & Wigmore primary. We are aware of the Covid-19 situation which is affecting everyone. There is the possibility of school closures across the borough. We are monitoring the situation on daily basis & will continue to do so. National update - Changes to the role of teaching schools. We will bring update on that once we know more of this proposal.</p>	
7	Provision for Pupils With SEND 2020-21	<p>CD – required to vote (school members and PVI representatives). Recommendation is to note the contents of the report</p> <p>Davina Stubbs presented the report</p> <p>EG – is this increment included in the provisional budget which was sent out to schools earlier on</p> <p>AI – Yes, it has been included in the provisional budget.</p> <p>EG- Do we have any plan for increasing places as primary schools are full to capacity. Are there any parents asking for special school places at primary level?</p> <p>DS – We haven't had any requests for special places at primary level for September 2020. We are in discussions with primary head teachers to find a way to combat this.</p> <p>HD – is there additional funding to support staffing costs? The provision of Speech and Language Therapy? Teaching assistant time to support increasing medical needs of pupils? There is separate conversion going on funding for medical needs & joint commission. Is the uplift to respond to that?</p>	

		<p>DS – Yes, it is response to that to support teaching assistants.</p> <p>KJ – is there Place funding built in this top up funding?</p> <p>DS – Yes, there is</p> <p>MA – we are finding it hard to source very young children with special needs. There is not enough support for those children</p> <p>DS –We are looking at the provision to support really young children.</p> <p>EG – it's not necessarily that we can't meet child's educational needs but when it comes to child's behaviour problems, we don't know which services to go to.</p> <p>JW – it all starts from when the child has been diagnosed as Autistic. There are different steps that we need to take & we are working within different services to meet the child's requirements. We are aware of this problem and we are working with the commissioning team, Autism special unit & health workers to ensure that we can intervene as quickly as we can.</p> <p>Vote to agree the following Provisions:-</p> <p>To agree the proposed place numbers for the financial year 2020-21 for Luton's Special Schools and Specialist Provisions.</p> <p>In favour - 17 Against - 0 Abstained – 0</p> <p>To agree the increase in place numbers (4) at Gill Blowers resourced nursery</p> <p>In favour - 16 Against - 0 Abstained – 0</p>	
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8	School and Early Years Finance Regulations	<p>Rustum presented the report and stated that the allocations to 3 or 4 of the PVI's may change slightly as we did not have the data to calculate their IDACI scores. Estimations used for now and variances not expected to be large.</p> <p>CD - Not to vote but to note the content</p> <p>No questions were asked.</p>	
9	Budget Monitoring Period 10	<p>Rustum presented the report</p> <p>CD - Not to vote but to note the content</p> <p>No questions were asked.</p>	

10.	Early Year Funding 2020-21	<p>CD – required to vote (school members and PVI representatives) recommendation is to note the contents of the report of Early year single formula.</p> <p>Rustum presented the report.</p> <p>DP – Why the increase for 2 years old & 3 years old is different? RS – when we were working on these estimates, we realise that funding we receiving for 2 years old was £3M & for 3 years old was £16M so there were more funding available for 3 years old.</p> <p>Vote to agree Early year single formula:-</p> <p>In favour - 17 Against - 0 Abstained – 0</p>	
11.	DSG Budget 2020-21	<p>CD – required to vote (school members and PVI representatives) recommendation is to note the contents of the report to Approve the DSG budget</p> <p>Atif Presented the report</p> <p>HM – In point 3 of this report, it says 99.5% school funding will be allocated to Primary & secondary but in previous report it said 95%.</p> <p>RS – 95% only relates to early years. This 99.5% is for the whole Schools block.</p> <p>Vote for to Approve DSG budget for Central early year provision 2020-21</p> <p>In favour - 17 Against - 0 Abstained – 0</p> <p>Vote for to Approve DSG budget for School Admission 2020-21</p> <p>In favour - 17 Against - 0 Abstained – 0</p>	

		<p>Vote for to Approve DSG budget for Servicing of School Forum 2020-21</p> <p>In favour - 17 Against - 0 Abstained – 0</p> <p>Vote for to Approve DSG budget for back pay for equal pay claims 2020-21</p> <p>In favour - 17 Against - 0 Abstained – 0</p> <p>Vote for to Approve DSG budget 2020-21</p> <p>In favour - 17 Against - 0 Abstained – 0</p>	
12.	Any other business	The next meeting takes place on the 20th May 2020 - Cancelled at The Legrave Centre	

Summary of Required Action

<u>Agenda Item</u>		<u>Officer</u>	<u>Completed</u>
<u>7</u>	MESH change to MASH	JR	Yes