

Walsall Council Schools Forum

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 18th June, 2024 at 4.00 pm

Digital Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Schools Forum Members Present:

M. Vlahakis	Primary Maintained Head Teacher, Cadmus Family of schools
C. Draper	Primary Maintained Head Teacher, Short Heath Federation
D. Probert	Primary Maintained Head Teacher, Watling Street
S. Davies	Primary Maintained Head Teacher, Christ Church CE (C) JMI School
I. Shires	Primary Maintained Governor
M. Parekh	Primary Maintained Governor
S. Bowen	Secondary Maintained Head Teacher, St. Thomas More Catholic School
M. Moody	Primary Academy Representative, Goldsmiths and Rivers Academies
I. Roberston	Primary Academy Governor
J. Ludlow	Secondary Academy Head Teacher, Joseph Leckie Academy
D. Smith	Secondary Academy Head Teacher, Blue Coat Academy
W. Downie	Secondary Academy Head Teacher, Streetly Academy
I. Baker	Secondary Academy Governor, Grace Academy
E. Phillips	Special School, Phoenix Academy
L. Cross	Special School Maintained Head Teacher, Elmswood School
L. Foster	Special School Maintained Governor
M. Turley	Nursery Head Teacher, Ogle Hay Nursery
C. Bury	Principal, The Ladder School, Alternative Provision

Officers Present:

S. Kelly – Director of Access and Inclusion
R. Thomas – Head of Access
L. Meredith -
N. Perks -
N. Picken – Principal Democratic Services Officer

Observers Present:

W. Dufus - NASUWT
S. Guy - National Education Union
Councillor P. Kaur (Portfolio Holder Education and Skills)

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1. 18.06.24	<p>Welcome</p> <p>The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and explaining and rules of procedure and legal context in which the meeting was being held.</p> <p>A roll call was taken of those members present who confirmed they could both see and hear the proceedings.</p>	
2. 18.06.24	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of council officers, Tanya Collier and Colleen Male together with Schools Forum member Amanda Arnold.</p>	Noted
3. 18.06.24	<p>Minutes</p> <p>The Schools Forum received the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th March, 2024 (see annexed).</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th March, 2024 were approved as a true and correct record.</p>	Noted
4. 18.06.24	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes of 5th March, 2024</p> <p>None.</p>	
5. 18.06.24	<p>Late Item/s (urgent) to be introduced by the Chair</p> <p>None.</p>	
6. 18.06.24	<p>Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended)</p> <p>There were no items for consideration in the private session.</p>	
7. 18.06.24	<p>Election of Vice Chair</p> <p>Mr Ludlow nominated himself for the position of Vice Chair.</p> <p>Resolved (by assent)</p> <p>That Mr Ludlow be appointed vice chair for the remainder of the Academic Year.</p>	NP to update

<p>8. 18.06.24</p>	<p>Election of School Governor Representatives</p> <p>A report was submitted: -</p> <p>(See annexed)</p> <p>Resolved (by assent)</p> <p>That the following appointments be noted:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mariam Parekh (Maintained Primary) • Ian Shires (Maintained Primary) • Ian Robertson (Academy Primary) • Lesley Foster (Maintained Special) 	<p>Noted</p>
<p>9. 18.06.24</p>	<p>Schools Forum Annual Report</p> <p>A report was submitted:-</p> <p>(See annexed)</p> <p>Resolved (by assent)</p> <p>That the annual report be noted.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>10. 18.06.24</p>	<p>High Needs Funding Formula Working Group Update</p> <p>A report was submitted: -</p> <p>(See annexed)</p> <p>Forum received an update on the progress of the working group and noted the terms of reference and schedule of dates. The Chair emphasised the need for a secondary and special school representative. Mr Downie agreed to request a secondary representative at WASH and E. Phillips agreed to attend on behalf of Special Schools.</p> <p>Discussion followed on the allocation of funding which was clarified by the Director of Access and Inclusion. In response to a query by Mr I Shires regarding allocation of places, the Director of Access and Inclusion agreed to respond, in writing, as some of the issues raised fell outside of Forums remit.</p> <p>Resolved (by assent)</p> <p>That:</p>	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The working group initiation document and schedule of dates be agreed; 2. E. Phillips be included on the membership; 3. B. Downie seeks a representative from WASH; 4. The Director of Access and Inclusion provides a response to I. Shires. 	NP BD DoA&I
11. 18.06.24	<p>Dates for 2024/25</p> <p>A report was submitted: - (See annexed)</p> <p>Resolved (by assent)</p> <p>That the following schedule of meetings be agreed:-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2024</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 17 September (Autumn) Tuesday 15 October (Autumn) Tuesday 17 December (Autumn)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2025</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 21 January (Spring) Tuesday 4 March (Spring) Tuesday 17 June (Summer)</p>	
11. 18.06.24	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Billie Downie confirmed that Kate Hibbs and Kerry Solway-Blower, previously reserve members, had now been appointed by WASH as secondary academy representatives on Schools Forum.</p>	NP
12. 18.06.24	<p>Forward Plan</p> <p>A copy of the Forward Plan was submitted (annexed).</p> <p>Resolved</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Forward Plan be noted. 	Noted
14. 18.06.24	<p>Late Items</p> <p>None.</p>	

15. 18.06.24	Date of Future Meeting The next meeting of the Schools Forum is scheduled for Tuesday, 17 th September, 2024 at 4:00pm	
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The meeting terminated at 4.36 pm.

Signed

Date