

SCHOOLS FORUM

MEETING, 26th APRIL, 2019

Representing Primary School Head teachers

Rob Dean	St Thomas of Chequerbent Primary School
Claire Whalley	Sunning Hill primary School
Jo Briggs	Hardy Mill Primary School
Vicky Chatterjee	Clarendon Primary School

Representing Primary School Governors

Mike Doyle	Pikes Lane Primary School
Pauline Lewis	St John's Kearsley Primary School
Helen Allanson	Egerton Primary School
David Bevitt	Devonshire Road Primary School

Representing Secondary Head teachers

Phil Hart (Vice-Chairman)	Westhoughton High School
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Representing Secondary School Governors

Joanne Murphy	Westhoughton High School
Patti Jones	St. Joseph's RC High School

Representing Special Schools

Gary Johnson	Rumworth School
Holly Bonfield	Orchards Federation

Representing Academy Schools

Chris Fielding	Bolton Impact Trust
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Representing the Unions

Lauren Alergant	Unison
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Also in Attendance

Councillor Cunliffe	BMBC
Anthony Birch	People Department
Lisa Butcher	People Department
Julie Edwards	People Department
Sam Elliott	Bolton Library and Museum Service
Louise Window	Bolton Library and Museum Service
Vicky Ridge	Democratic Services

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Anthony Slack, David Burton, David Smith, Sue Pounds, Dominic McKeon and Jo Atherton.

Mr. M. Doyle in the Chair

40. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Schools Forum held on 1st March, 2019 were submitted.

With regard to minute 37 of the previous meeting, members were advised that a letter had now been sent to Headteachers and Chair of Governors.

With regard to minute 36 of the previous meeting, members were informed that internal audit had been asked for their opinion in relation to Delegation of Powers to Headteachers. This was still being awaited and the outcome would be reported at the next meeting.

Members also in their discussions requested that for future reports an appendix be included which listed the acronyms.

Resolved – That the minutes of the last meeting be signed as a correct record subject to Helen Allanson being included in the list of apologies.

41. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

There were none to report.

42. PRIMARY SOCIAL EMOTIONAL MENTAL HEALTH PROVISION

Tony Birch, Assistant Director of People gave a presentation which updated members on the current position with regard to Primary Social Emotional Mental Health (SEMH) Provision within the Borough.

Information was provided in relation to the following, viz:-

- The current context;

- The proposed strategy going forward;
- The work to be undertaken by the Multi agency support team;
- Proactive and preventative provision at Key Stage 1;
- Long stay/Key Stage 2 SEMH Resourced Provisions; and
- Long Stay Year 5 and 6 Provision.

The Forum were also advised that an extended consultation on the proposals took place in the Autumn term with primary schools and other partners and there was strong support for the approach being taken. Furthermore, the programme had been agreed at Committee earlier in 2019.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted.

43. BOLTON LIBRARY AND MUSEUM SERVICE

Sam Elliott and Louise Window, from Bolton Library and Museum Service gave a presentation to the Forum on the offer available within the Service Level Agreement for the Bolton Library and Museum Service.

Information was provided in relation to the following areas, viz:-

- The power of Library and Museum Engagement;
- What the Libraries and Museums Service Level Agreement offered;
- Feedback received from children who had visited the Libraries and Museum Service;
- Value for money; and
- Other opportunities to work together.

Members in their discussions referred to –

- The percentage of schools which engaged with the service;
- The percentage of schools that took up Museum workshops from Bolton and from wider Greater Manchester;
- Did the Museum accommodate teachers meetings; and
- Could a list on what the service offered go on the Extranet.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted.

44. FORMULA REVIEW SUB-GROUP MINUTES

The Minutes of the Formula Review Sub-Group held on 5th April, 2019 were submitted.

Members in their deliberations referred to:-

- The lack of representation by Secondary Headteachers on the Special Educational Needs Panel; and
- The increase in teacher's pensions of 7% from September, 2019.

Resolved – (i) That the minutes be noted.

(ii) That Phil Hart be asked to raise the issue of representation on the Special Educational Needs Panel at the Secondary Headteachers meeting next week.

45. EARLY YEARS SUB-GROUP MINUTES

The Minutes of the Early Years Sub-Group held on 24th April, 2019 were submitted.

Resolved – That the minutes be noted .

46. HIGH NEEDS SUB-GROUP MINUTES

The minutes of the High Needs Sub-Group held on 22nd March, 2019 were submitted.

Members in their deliberations referred to:-

- A breakdown being provided of the 70+ permanent exclusions since September; and
- The work being undertaken by a consultant about demand around special school places.

Resolved – That the minutes be noted.

(The meeting started at 2.00 p.m. and finished at 3.20 p.m.)