

Formula Review Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday 26th June 2019

Wellsprings

Present:

Julie Hignett	Primary Head Teacher
Claire Whalley	Primary Head Teacher
Jo Briggs	Primary Head Teacher
Joan Saunders	Primary Business Manager
John Adamopoulos	Academy Business Manager
Pauline Lewis	Primary Governor
Patti Jones	Secondary Governor
Don Grant	Union Representative
Lee Fallows	HR Manager
Julie Edwards	Schools Finance Manager
Janice Rigby	Schools Finance Officer

Apologies: Paul Roach, Gary Johnson, Lisa Butcher

1. Welcome

In Phil's absence JE took the Group through the meeting.

2. Minutes 5th April 2019

Minutes were agreed.

JE reported that the DfE will not be attending the Schools Forum meeting to demonstrate the Schools Resource Management Toolkit as all the places had been filled.

3. Trade Union SLA

DG reported that a letter had been sent to Schools with details of the SLA.

LF informed the Group that 10 Schools including Academies aren't buying in. A response is still needed from 8 Schools and some Schools have opted for paying by hourly rate. The budget is expected to break even in 2019-20, although the cost has been reduced.

The Group discussed the merits of opting in to the SLA.

4. Maintained Schools Insurance

JE informed the Group that Academies Insurance (RPA) costs are significantly less than Maintained Schools costs but the DfE is now consulting on the extension of the scheme to maintained schools.

The Group will be kept updated on the progress

5. Analysis of School Budgets (Capping and Protection)

To follow from the last meeting JE presented the lists of capping and protection for the 2019-20 budget.

No school is capped in the secondary sector and capping in primary has reduced from £2.2m to £911k.

Protection has increased due to the 0.5% MFG.

6. School Balances

JE presented the details of the School Balances 31.3.19 explaining that the balances have increased overall.

The Group discussed the possible reasons for the increase.

7. Spending Review/2020-21

JE informed the Group that the Review is delayed and discussed what the implications of the delay might be.

The Group discussed and it was suggested that the principles could be put in place before the actual figures are released.

Members of the Group questioned how long the Teachers pay and pension grants would be paid for. JE expects these grants will be transferred to the DSG in the future and baselined into individual school budgets.

Action: The Group will work on the principles at future meetings before the figures are released.

8. Notional SEN and Call for Evidence

JE presented the work she has done re: Notional SEN budget allocations.
The Group discussed the data.

JE went through the 28 questions the DfE are asking re: SEN Funding. These questions are mainly around the first £6k and have been discussed at PPR consultation Group, will be looked at in detail by a sub group of the High Needs group and are on the Schools Forum Agenda.

The Group discussed the questions and can respond on the DfE website.

9. Schools Forum Agenda

JE listed the items to be discussed.

10. Date of next meeting

JE will e-mail members to confirm the date and venue

Future agenda item – SLA process