

LEWISHAM SCHOOLS FORUM

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1st February 2023

Membership (Quorum = 40% i.e. 9) ✓ = present ✗ =absent a = apologies
s = substitute

		Attendance				
Primary School Headteachers		20/ 10	15/ 12	19/ 01	01/ 02	Date of Appointment
Manda George	Torridon Primary	✓	✓	✓	a	Jan 2022
Sharon Lynch	St William of York	✓	✓	✓	✗	Jan 2022
Julie Loffstadt	Kilmorie	✗	✓	✓	✓	Jan 2022
Matthew Ringham	Our Lady & St Philip Neri	✓	✓	✓	✓	Jan 2022
David Lucas	Trinity	✓	✓	✓	✓	Jan 2021
Maxine Osbaldeston	Launcelot	✓	✓	✓	✗	Jan 2021
VACANT	PRIMARY SCHOOL					
Nursery School Headteacher						
Cathryn Arnold-Kinsey	Clyde Nursery	a	a	✓	✓	Jan 2022
Secondary School Headteachers						
Naill Hand	Prendergast Ladywell	✓	✓	✓	✓	Oct 2022
Michael Sullivan	Forest Hill	✓	✓	✓	✓	Oct 2022
Special School Headteacher						
Lynne Haines	Greenvale	✓	a	a	✓	Dec 2021
Pupil Referral Unit Headteacher						
Heather Johnston	Abbey Manor	✓	✓	✓	✓	Jan 2023
Primary School Governors						
Daniel Meyer	St Bartholomews	✓	✓	✓	✓	Jan 2022
Peter Fidel	Eliot Bank and Gordonbrock Federation	✓	✓	✗	✓	June 2021
Secondary & Special School Governors						
Pat Barber	Bonus Pastor	✓	✓	✓	✓	Jan 2022
Andy Rothery	Leathersellers Federation	✓	✓	✓	✓	June 2021
VACANT	SPECIAL SCHOOL					
Academies						
Miz Mann	STEP Academy Trust	✓	a	a	✓	Oct 2021

Ann Butcher	Childeric	a	✓	✓	✓	June 2021
14-19 Consortium Rep						
Gerard Garvey	Lewisham Southwark College	x	x	x	x	June 2022
Early Years – PVI						
Melanie Simpson	The Village Montessori				a	Feb 2023
Diocesan Authorities						
VACANT	Southwark Diocesan Board of Education (Church of England)					
Yvonne Epale	Education Commission – Catholic Diocese of Southwark	✓	a	✓	a	May 2021

Observers/Others in attendance		
Strategic Business Partner	Mala Dadlani	
Director of Education Services	Angela Scattergood	
LB Lewisham - Finance	Nick Penny	
LB Lewisham	Ruth Griffiths	
Clerk	Janita Aubun	

1. Apologies and Acceptance of Apologies/ Welcome new members

Apologies accepted from Manda George and Yvonne Epale.

2. Declaration of Interest

Declaration of interest for PFI school forum members. Declarations accepted.

3. PFI Consultation

Today is an extraordinary meeting of schools forum to consider feedback from the PFI consultation with mainstream schools in scope.

Officers explained to forum that the DfE will be looking towards a hard NFF; we don't know when PFI will be looked at. Also forum were informed that at last week's meeting with PFI school heads it was agreed that SEN funding should be removed. In regard to Prendergast Ladywell & Trinity school all through schools, the status quo model is to be redefined to bring in PFI element only. Mentioned that Bonus Pastor playing fields (exceptional factor), is an income element but it should not be included. Conisborough and Bonus Pastor schools don't receive anything from the formula, but as per the DfE, all schools should receive something.

Noted that under the hard formula, schools with MFG are not in a good position.

Consultation Results

OPTIONS	TOTAL
Option 2 - Maintain Status Quo	3
Option 3 - New formula based	2
Option 4 - New formula based 78% and 22% lump sum	3
Abstained	0

Option 4 is the LA recommendation. This option generates £250k which returns to the authority by default. This would be ringfenced to provide direct transitional support to any school who has lost out – to a maximum of that figure.

Vote at forum on the above Options.

Result:-

Officer recommendation was in support of option 4, which was agreed. Of the 9 voting members present, 7 voted in favour of this option and 2 voted against.

Schools forum also agreed that discussions with schools/stakeholders will take place 'on principles' and not information on an annual basis, using 2023/24 data to back up exemplification. A meeting is to be arranged circa September/October 2023 to inform the 2024/25 factor. Schools Forum approved the resubmission of the APT allowing for the revision of the PFI factor as agreed with forum. Further agreed any release from MFG to support transition for 2023/24.

4. Matters arising

None

5. Any Other Business

None

Future Meetings

29 June 2023

19 October 2023

14 December 2023

18 January 2024 (provisional date, subject to DfE)

All Schools Forum meetings continue to be held between 16:30-18:30 and remain virtual, unless advised otherwise.

Sub Group meetings

High Needs Sub Group
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Schools Forum Action Summary

Item	Action to be taken	Officer(s) responsible	Outcome/Current position
8 – AOB Schools forum 15 December 2022	Cost of living crisis - to lobby at National Level. Letter currently being written and will be presented to the forum for approval.	All headteachers	Pending
5 – Summary of the Schools Funding Settlement 2023/24, Schools Forum 19 January 2023	Following the data collection exercise, a paper is to be brought to forum in June confirming the allocation. (To agree the distribution of the funding on 'quality based factor linked to teachers').	Mala Dadlani	For June 2023 forum
3. PFI Consultation – Schools Forum 01 February 2023	Discussions with schools/stakeholders to take place 'on principles' using 2023/24 data. Meeting to be convened circa Sept/Oct 2023 to inform the 2024/25 factor.	Mala Dadlani	