

**MINUTES OF THE SCHOOLS FORUM MEETING
TUESDAY 25 MARCH 2014**

Schools Members:

Headteachers: **Special (1)** - Martin Doyle (A) (Riverside),
Children’s Centres (1) - *Julie Vaggers (Rowland Hill),
Primary (7) * Dawn Ferdinand (The Willow), Fran Hargrove (St Mary’s CE), *Will Wawn (Bounds Green) Cal Shaw (A)(Chestnuts), *Julie D’Abreu (Devonshire Hill), Nic Hunt(A) (Weston Park)
*James Lane (St Francis de Sales)
Secondary (2) *Helen Anthony (A) (Fortismere), *Tony Hartney (Gladesmore),
Primary Academy (1) *Linda Sarr (St Ann’s),
Secondary Academies (2) Simon Garrill (Heartlands), Michael McKenzie (A)(Alexandra Park)

Governors: **Special (1)** * Michael Connah
Children’s Centres (1) *Melian Mansfield (Pembury)
Primary (7) Miriam Ridge (Our Lady of Muswell), *Asher Jacobsberg (Welbourne), Louis Fisher (A) (Earlsmead), Laura Butterfield (A) (Coldfall), Andreas Adamides,(Stamford Hill), Jan Smosarski (A) (Bruce Grove), Sandra Carr (A) (St John Vianney)
Secondary (3) *Liz Singleton (Northumberland Park),* Imogen Pennell (Highgate Wood), Keith Embleton (A) (Hornsey)
Primary Academy (1) Liza Sheikh Wali
Secondary Academy (1) *Marianne McCarthy (Heartlands),

Non School Members:- **Non – Executive Councillor** -Cllr Zena Brabazon (A)
Professional Association Representative - Vacancy
Trade Union Representative - *Pat Forward
14-19 Partnership - June Jarrett (A)
Early Years Providers - *Susan Tudor-Hart
Faith Schools - Mark Rowland (A)
Pupil Referral Unit – Gordon McEwan (A)

Observers:- **Cabinet Member for CYPS** (*Cllr Ann Waters)

Also attending: Steve Worth, Finance Manager (Schools)
Carolyn Banks, Clerk to Forum
Jon Abbey, Assistant Director, CYPS

- * Members present
- A Apologies given

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MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
1	CHAIR’S WELCOME The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
	APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS	

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2.1	The Clerk advised that Michael Connah had been appointed as the Special School governor representative and Liza Sheikh Wali as the primary Academy representative to the Forum and they were welcomed to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Brabazon, Laura Butterfield, Gordon McEwan, Jan Smosarski, Cal Shaw, Keith Embledon, Fran Hargrove, Mike McKenzie, Nic Hunt, June Jarrett, Louis Fisher, Martin Doyle, Sandra Carr, Wendy Sagar and Ngozi Anuforo	
2.2	There were no substitute members.	
3	DECLARATION OF INTEREST (Agenda Item 3) There were no declarations.	
4	THE DISTRIBUTION OF FULL TIME NURSERY CLASS PLACE PROVISION IN HARINGEY'S SCHOOLS FOR SEPTEMBER 2014	
4.1	Further to the previous meeting JA outlined the options that the Early Years Working Group had produced for the distribution of full time nursery class places for September 2014.	
4.2	The Working Party had received a tabled paper on behalf of nursery schools which proposed that the changes for September 2014 be maintained but any unallocated full time places be distributed across the three nursery schools and primary schools that are also designated children's centres. It was noted that nursery schools representatives had also made a presentation on the matter to the primary headteachers.	
4.3	On the basis of unused places for 2013/14 Academic year there were 10 places available to be reallocated. The centrally retained contingency of £67,000 for targeted full time places for the most vulnerable children was also reviewed. It was considered that this could be reduced by 50% as during 2013/14 very little use had been made of this funding, giving an additional 14 places to be allocated directly to schools for September 2014.	
4.4	JA stated that the Local Authority was not recommending any preferred option. SW advised the meeting that adjustments to the deprivation funding for the three nursery schools was required as the annual census for nursery schools did not include ethnicity data. The resultant calculations took Pembury into the next quartile and therefore they would receive an extra 2 places under Option 2A.	
4.5	The Forum was reminded that the Early Help framework was currently being developed, to which members of the Forum would be invited to contribute.	
4.6	MM spoke about the importance of utilising the full time places for the Borough's most vulnerable children and advised that Option 3 best suited this need. The Forum were also reminded that the money within the contingency had been for the allocation of exceptional need for full time places. STH advised that the Working Party had felt that there was a need to find a balance between allocation of local places and allocation of	

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	places where the greatest support was needed. DF also felt that the places should be allocated to nursery schools and children's centres as they were best equipped to provide the necessary support.	
4.7	<p>The Forum noted that no school would lose out under Option 3</p> <p>RESOLVED:-</p> <p>That Option 3 be agreed as the new profile of full time nursery provision across Haringey's nursery school classes and nursery provision for September 2014.</p> <p>Note There were two abstentions</p>	
5.	REVENUE FUNDING FOR UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS	
5.1	The Forum was reminded of the forthcoming legislation to provide a free school lunch to all pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 from September 2014. The revenue funding was to be based on a rate of £2.30 for each meal taken by pupils who would become newly eligible for a FSM as a result of the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) policy.	
5.2	SW outlined how the new indicator on the Schools Census would operate and the timescales for notification and payment to schools and the Local Authority. It was noted that the payment, which was to be based on an assumption that 87% of newly eligible pupils would take meals, would be for the first two terms of the academic year only. The third term payment would be based on actual numbers as recorded in the autumn and spring census and would include any adjustment necessary for the first two terms. SW confirmed that he would attend a primary Headteachers meeting to provide more information on the matter and in particular on the possibility of DfE clawback.	SW
5.6	The DfE would also provide additional transitional funding for one year only to small schools (schools with a total roll of fewer than 150 pupils according to the January 2014 Schools Census). Funding would be provided as a lump sum in June 2014. This could be spent as schools choose in support of their implementation of the policy, including improving kitchen or dining equipment, and would not be adjusted later to take account of take-up. In Haringey, no maintained mainstream school would be eligible, but it was expected that special schools with primary age pupils, free Schools and The Tuition Centre might be eligible for funding of between £3,000 and £3,500 each. However, this was subject to confirmation by the DfE.	
5.7	The Forum noted that Headteachers had expressed concern over the impact of UIFSM on Pupil Premium funding. However the introduction of UIFSM in September 2014 would have no impact on the 2014-15 Pupil Premium as this would be based on the January 2014 Census. The DfE had stated that for the financial year 2015 to 2016, the same criteria currently used to assess FSM eligibility (i.e. receipt of qualifying benefits) would continue to be used to assess whether a pupil qualifies for the pupil premium.	

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5.8	SW advised that an indicative calculation based on the unadjusted January 2014 census had been provided.	
5.9	WW expressed concern over the lack of incentive for details to be completed regarding reception kids and the implications this would have on funding .It was also felt that the toolkit published by the DfE did not address this matter.	
5.10	RESOLVED: That the report be noted.	
6.	CONSULTATION ON SCHOOL FUNDING IN 2015/16 (Agenda Item 7)	
6.1	The Forum was informed that the DfE had released its consultation document 'Fairer Schools Funding in 2015-16' on 13 March 2014. The proposals were however limited. It did however make it clear that the proposals did not represent the implementation of a national funding formula and that was now not likely to be introduced until after the General Election. The details of the formula and factors used for the minimum funding level which included a proposed hybrid area cost adjustment were noted.	
6.2	The Forum agreed to be consulted by email, noting that the only area of possible representations being around the methodology of the hybrid area cost adjustment. SW confirmed that the response would be both from the Council and the Forum. It was also agreed that there should be a re-examination of the information used in the representations made in respect of the successful area cost adjustments secured, albeit Haringey had not secured the same amount as other Borough's.	
6.3	RESOLVED:- That a response by the Council in consultation with the Forum be made via email correspondence with Forum members.	
7.	ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS	
	There were no urgent items.	
8.	DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS 14 May 2014 3 July 2014	

The meeting closed at 5.50pm

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Chair