

Minutes of a meeting of the Medway Schools' Forum
Held on 10 January 2016 - 4pm
Training Room Warren Wood Primary Academy Arethusa Road
Rochester Kent ME1 2UR

Members present:

Chair

Primary (Academy) (Vice-Chair)

Secondary LA Maintained

Secondary Academy

Teacher Associations

Early Years

Primary

Roman Catholic Diocese

Special Academy

Primary Headteacher

Special Maintained

Principal

Governor

Principal

Headteacher

Headteacher

Headteacher

Clive Mailing (CM)

Kim Gunn (KG)

Steve Geary (SG)

Kathy Sexton (KS)

In Attendance: Maria Beaney (Finance Business Partner – Education Finance) (MB), Helen McCulloch (Note Taker)

Apologies received from Ian Sutherland, Pauline Maddison, Cllr Martin Potter, Peter Martin

1. Minutes of meeting held on the 17 October 2016 and matters arising.

The record of the meeting held on 17 October was agreed and signed by the vice chair as a correct record.

Action 1 – Vice chair to check as to whether the chair has actioned.

Action 4 – already gone to cabinet.

Action 5 – conversation to take place later to discuss those that do not attend.

The Schools' Forum agreed the minutes and the Chair signed them off.

2. School Funding- Update

a. National Funding Formula

MB advised that the second stage of the has been published and runs until 22 March 2017. One big change in NF formula. Proposing to remove LAC and mobility but mobility does go back into the fund.

MB will be submitting a response on behalf of the LA but would like the schools and academies to read and give feedback.

MB to ensure that the link will be put in the minutes. Some schools will gain other will lose out.

Do not compare to currently funding compare to next year.
The question was raised as to whether it would be good for schools and MB advised that for Medway it was good due to deprivation etc.
Some schools are losing up to 2% and other are gaining.

b. High Needs National Funding Formula

c. Early Years National Funding Formula

Now being distributed on a NF formula. Medway will need to distribute 90%. Going up to £3.72 and increase of 30%. Most schools will see and increase of 6.4% per nursery. Extra government guidelines are due out in the future

Medway can only keep 7% and the rest needs to be distributed.

Early pupil allowance??

Disability pupil allowance ??

1% SEN base for early years.

Provision for funding will be £4.86

3. 2017/18 Dedicated Schools Grant Allocation

MB advised that DSG is broken down in HN, Schools and EY.

Table 1 shows funding its just un £21m on the face it Medway looks as doing well but there are some additions such as starting points being rebased. (HM to look at the paper MB has produced for the figures.) Basic unit of funding has been reduced so we get £?? Just under £63 less per pupil compared to last year

KG asked what would happen for future and MB advised that it would be good news for Medway.

HN funding £34m – see table 2.

4. 2017/18 Final School and Academy Funding Formula

MB advised that the funding formula was agreed at the last meeting. Two funding factors have been removed – LAC and mobility. Continued to cap schools gaining 1.5%. Agreed growth fund payment for year. (HM - For all other agreements use paper).

NF proposed to remove but one of the things MB has been asked to put to the forum is to put that funding back. It is the equivalent to £3 per child.

Appendix 3 shows the affect it will have on schools, if put in – HM to use appendix 3 to show this.

Two schools which are gaining are gaining Cedar Wood and Lords Wood.

There was a discussion which took place. Mobility means intake outside the usual term intake.

Rainham school for girls loses £3k and that is the highest.

There was a vote and it was a full house to include mobility back in.

£16.5m to be distributed through the formula.

A lot of SEN are out of area.

Section 3.3 table shows how the funding is distributed. The mobility funding fact will have £162k going into it.

Extra 564 pupils in primary a lost of 32 pupils in secondary schools. The October census data is used.

Distributing 92% distributed through pupil factor – where the pupils need it the most.

Medway Final Funding needs to be agreed: Vote full house

31 March will be the dates when everyone will know about their allocation.

5. Schools Block 2016/17 Centrally Retained Forecast

Growth fund, D delegated fund; statutory functions Overspend forecasted but will be reclaimed from 17/18 funding.

Overspend due to increasing a school pan increase – Medway has paid the extra funding but the EFA has funded it into a different pot.

Will Adams increased doesn't come part of this funding but it comes out of the reserves.

Year 11s get placed in schools very quick. DSG reserves are about £110k and it will be come from Pauline Maddison. Karen advised that July was too late for KJ to plan. It was suggested that there could maybe be a virtual. The £68k is running down these funds therefore next year it may be that next year Will Adams should be invoicing the schools direct for the money.

It was a pilot project; but the academies; the children must have been on a school pan but they aren't on the academies pan. A discussion took place about funding for the pupils and that the EFA say that the money should follow the pupil and not be kept in the school.

MB to speak to PM to find out if the funding can be sorted out before July as this date doesn't give Karen Joy a lot of time. The report was noted

6. AOB

MB – planning team – HM quote Email MB used. – heads up and will be an overspend on 17/18 budget.

11 pupils which can't be placed and bulged classes are 15.

Behaviour support service – cease trading from January 2017. If schools have bought already there will be a rebate given to those schools.

7. Dates of Future Meetings