

NORTH YORKSHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM

Date of meeting:	Thursday, 23 May 2019 (Community House, Selby)
Title of report:	Minutes of the North Yorkshire Schools Forum – 23 May 2019
Type of report:	For information only
Executive summary: Including reason for submission	The minutes of the previous meeting of the North Yorkshire Schools Forum are presented for approval.
Budget / Risk implications:	N/A
Recommendations:	The minutes are approved as an accurate record.
Voting requirements:	N/A
Appendices: To be attached	N/A
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PRESENT:

Chair:	Ian Yapp
Primary Headteachers:	Nick Styles, Andrew Buttery, Jillian Barker, Andrew Krlic, Caroline Hutton (representing Karen O'Donnell)
Secondary Headteachers:	Mark McCandless, Kath Jordan, Nick Hinchliffe
Nursery Headteacher:	
Special Headteacher:	
Pupil Referral Service:	
Academies:	Helen Channing, Jane O'Gara (representing Jo Robinson), David Read
Governors:	
Early Years Providers:	
16-19 Providers:	
Diocesan Representatives:	
Trade Unions:	Chris Head
Observers:	
In Attendance:	Councillor Janet Sanderson, Stuart Carlton, Howard Emmett, Jane Le Sage, Sally Dunn, Andrew Dixon, Catriona Lowin, Mandy Lambert (Clerk)
Apologies:	Robert Campbell, Julia Polley, John Warren, Fiona Beetles, Michael Pettavel, Jo Robinson, Karen O'Donnell, Jonathan Tearle, Nick Bell (now resigned), Helen Flynn, Andrew Smith, County Councillor Patrick Mulligan, Damien Smith

845: WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting including new members and informed the group of the current membership situation. It was noted that Nick Bell had now resigned from the Schools Forum.

846: MEMBERSHIP OF THE SCHOOLS FORUM

Current vacancies were outlined, 2 x primary, 2 x secondary, 1 x secondary academy, 1 x Unison Rep, 1 x 16-19 Providers, 1 x early years / childcare.

847: MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2019 be agreed as an accurate record.

848: MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

849: NOTIFICATION OF ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There was no notification of any other urgent business.

850 UPDATED CONSTITUTION OF THE SCHOOLS FORUM

CONSIDERED: A summary of the Forum's role and responsibilities, including membership alongside the updated Constitution.

NOTED: It is some time since the make-up of the membership of the Schools Forum had been reviewed with numbers currently standing at 36.

NH asked if the make-up would alter due to the number of academies within the County.

AK asked whether there could be catholic school representation. It was noted that there is nothing specifically about faith schools.

NS asked the last time there was no vacancies.

AGREED: To note the updated constitution and views expressed on the total membership and modelling would take place by the LA ready for discussion at the September meeting.

851: ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR OF THE SCHOOLS FORUM

NOTED: Following the agreement to seek nominations for a Deputy Chair to the Schools Forum, one nomination had been received from Helen Flynn, Governor at Hookstone Chase Primary School.

AGREED: As no other nominations had been received Helen Flynn be appointed to the role of Deputy Chair of the Schools Forum with immediate effect.

852: SCHOOLS CONDITION CAPITAL PROGRAMME – 2019/20

CONSIDERED: The proposed Schools Condition Capital Programme for 2019 / 20 and the report to Executive to be held on 11 June 2019.

NOTED: That the draft report would be considered by the Executive on 11 June 2019 which proposes a series of capital investments in schools for 2019 / 20 including capital maintenance and compliance / regulatory requirements and strategic priorities.

The Chair asked about the figure for devolved schools. The figure is relatively conservative and based on the previous year. Healthy pupils' capital fund – it would be useful to hear about the impact of that funding.

NS asked about the £435k amongst the number of bids. Is there a plan that should a one off funding be needed? The bids that have been unsuccessful will be carried forward for the general programme going forward. Schools find out around the 19/20 June 2019.

AGREED: To note the report.

853: LEARNING TRUST AND LOCALITY BOARD UPDATE

CONSIDERED: An update by Jen Cave to the Schools Forum on the proposed Locality Boards.

NOTED: The first meeting of the volunteers for the Locality Boards had met following the Northallerton PLN to discuss initial thoughts. It is proposed that the Locality Board is to have closer alignment with School Improvement and Inclusion. The

Locality Boards, when set up and finalised, will feed into the Learning Trust Board which will have an overview across the county. Judith Kirk had invited expressions of interest for school leaders to participate in the Locality Boards.

A positive meeting had been held in which there were several headteachers from a range of schools. The number of volunteers varies across each of the five locality areas and are cross-phase. Headteachers are keen to look at common themes across North Yorkshire including: disadvantaged, variation in standards, small schools, SEND, KS2 mathematics, phonics, KS1 and the curriculum. Some funding will be identified per locality (for both school improvement and inclusion) and when the Board has met and looked at the needs in the area, it will then be able to prioritise and target funding.

NOTED: That a further update will be given in the Autumn Term.

854: HIGH NEEDS FUNDING, PRS, TEACHERS PAY GRANT

CONSIDERED: A proposal to consult on how to distribute the Teachers Pay Grant to high needs settings.

NOTED: CH asked about the requirement to consult with special schools and PRS and wondered if there was a possibility that in these educational positions that there might be using the grant for something other than teachers' pay.

HE stated that was highly unlikely. A plan would be put in place to try to reduce the High Needs Block out-turn and overspend.

NH asked whether there may be another 1% cut from the schools block next year. HE stated that this would not be ruled out.

AGREED:

- a) To note the contents of the report including the HNB overspend in 2018 / 19.
- b) To agree to consult with all high needs settings (special schools and PRS/AP) for their views on allocating the Teacher Pay Grant funding for 2019/20. The results of any consultation will be reported to a Schools Forum meeting.
- c)

855: SELBY FREE SCHOOL / HIGH NEEDS UPDATE

NOTED: A verbal report on the Selby Free School. A bid to the DfE for a free school in Selby has been successful. The application was for a 100 place special school in Selby for 3-19 year olds for a range of children with learning difficulties. The first stage is to hold sponsor events to invite multi-academy trusts. Two have been held with seven separate MATs so far. The deadline for expressions of interest is 30 September 2019. The DfE and the LA will analyse and evaluate the applications. The site is on Hull Road in Osgodby. A meeting will be held with residents in the area. The successful sponsor will be announced by early 2020 but do not as yet have any idea when the school would be ready to open. DfE will be leading on the development and the timescale will be largely dependent on their capacity.

NH asked if there was a role for local schools to be part of the discussion. The LA would welcome that.

JLS gave an update on work with the EMS and the strategic plan. Headteachers have been contacted about their intentions. The Cognition and Learning Enhanced Mainstream Schools will be decommissioned. Specifications have been shared with schools and letters have been sent to Headteachers of all EMS giving notice of the

intent to decommission. There are schools in discussion with the LA about opening an EMS provision with a strong response at secondary-phase. On 7 June there will be a launch of an HR consultation with staff within SEND and the Inclusive Education Service. There are 170 staff affected by the proposals. The purpose of the central reorganisation is to create multi-disciplinary SEND teams in each area. The final position is that schools will do their own reorganisation to identify staff at risk and when the restructure has been completed by the end of September any vacancies that are left, the staff who are at risk in EMS will be given prior consideration. Where there are other EMS that are setting up / closing down discussion will be brokered with new EMS in terms of consideration of staff from the decommissioned EMS.

CH asked about the ability of the redeployment team and whether it would be possible to have a site where things are up to date.

IY stated that communications are key and could the LA take the lead.

NH asked if there is a deadline for schools to say they are interested. This was not the case at the present time but there will be an open invite.

856: SCHOOL FUNDING SURVEY, HIGH NEEDS CALL FOR EVIDENCE AND f40 LOBBYING

CIRCULATED: List of all questions in the survey. The LA will lead on a response following discussion with the High Needs Funding Sub-Group before 31 July 2019. The consultation does not focus on special schools and is silent on the issue of the significant funding shortfall. It focuses on the £6k notional funding in schools.

The response will be circulated to Schools Forum members following submission.

NOTED: HE referred to a letter to schools and academies in North Yorkshire on school funding and finance issues. This includes a link to a survey and asks individual schools questions such as reductions of teaching staff, increase class sizes and other questions around commercial, innovation to ensure a balanced budget. This is intended to collect more qualitative evidence. The information would be fed into the f40 lobbying group.

HC expressed concern that the survey would not give an accurate view so would be better looking at the last few years. This could give a more positive picture than there actually is.

857 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business raised.

858: FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday 26 September 2019 – 2.00 pm – Scarborough Library

Wednesday, 13 November 2019 – 2.00 pm – Cedar Court Hotel, Harrogate

Thursday 12 December 2019 - 2.00 pm – County Hall, Northallerton