

Southend Education Board Minutes

16th January 2018, 0815h – 10.30h

Darwin Back Room, Tickfield

Attendees:

Maurice Sweeting - Hinguar Primary Governor (Chair)
Jerry Glazier – Trade Unions Representative
Tim Barrett - Temple Sutton Primary
Niki Lamont – Milton Hall Primary Governor
Lisa Clark - Hamstel Infants
Jackie Mullen - St Christophers Special School
Jim Johnson – Edwards Hall Primary
Stuart Reynolds – Southchurch High/Futures Academy
Dr Robin Bevan - Southend High School for Boys (Vice-Chair)
Dr Paul Hayman – Westcliff High School for Girls
Lionel Pryor - Fairways Primary Governor
Annette Turner – YMCA
Lesley Yelland – Early Years - PSLA
Neil Houchen - Eastwood Academy
Anthony McGarel - South Essex College
Julia Jones – Barons Court
Darren Woollard – Blenheim Primary

Observers:

Simon Leftley – Deputy CEO (People) - SBC
Brin Martin – Director of Education – SBC
Catherine Braun – Group Manager – Access & Inclusion – SBC
Paul Grout – Finance – SBC
Amanda Champ – Group Manager – Schools Improvement & Development – SBC
Ruth Bonner – (Minutes) – SBC

Apologies:

Cllr James Courtenay – Education Portfolio Holder - SBC
Rob Harris – Committee Officer - SBC
Jane Youdale - Essex Pre-School Learning Alliance
Christine Hickey – Finance – SBC
Karen Willis – Cecil Jones Academy
Vicky Wright – Pacey
Elaine Hammans – Group Manager Early Years – SBC

Agenda	Item	Lead
Introductions		
1.	Apologies, Substitutions, Resignations & Introductions Maurice Sweeting (MS) welcomed Julia Jones (JJ) and Darren Woollard (DW) to the meet. There is one vacancy to be filled, now that David Parker has resigned from Education Board.	
2.	Previous Minutes & Action Log The previous minutes and the Action Log for the Education Board decisions was reviewed. Jackie Mullen (JM) asked that point 7 (High Needs Block) be amended to reflect that the previous SEN Officer had not	

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	undertaken in respect of the VLSG work.	
3.	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>Brin Martin (BM) confirmed that there's been no change to the progress since the last Education Board meeting on secondary school numbers. Thomas Moore, Shoebury High and Belfairs schools are still progressing toward expanding their pupil intake.</p> <p>Cathy Braun (CB) confirmed that although Belfairs was a late starter preparing for the extra student places, their relocatables plan is on track. A summary paper, summarising the secondary school places forecast was requested.</p> <p>Robin Bevan (RB) mentioned that a longer term forecast allows schools to make better quality decisions than short term forecasts.</p>	CB to provider report on secondary school places forecast.
4.	<p><u>Primary Catchment Review Update</u></p> <p>The formal consultation on primary catchment areas has now closed. BM expressed his gratitude to CB and her team for the incredible amount of work undertaken in running the consultation and evaluating the responses.</p> <p>BM confirmed that a paper has been prepared for approval for the next Council Cabinet cycle. The paper will be distributed at the Admissions Forum meeting on Friday 19th January and available to read on the Council website from Tuesday 23rd January 2018.</p> <p>The report will go before Scrutiny on 30th January, and objections can be made via the Office of Adjudications during 15th March – 15th May 2018.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Dedicated Schools Grant</u></p> <p>Paul Grout (PG) talked attendees through the Dedicated Schools Grant Budget 2018/19 report, which reflects the decisions taken at the last Education Board meeting. Despite the Early Years and High Needs funding blocks being provisional, the overall position set out for 2018/19 is a balanced schools budge that would be recommended to the Council to approve.</p> <p>The detailed funding allocation for the High Needs and Early Years funding blocks will be presented for approval at the next Education Board meeting in March 2018.</p> <p>BM also asked Board members to not underestimate the hard lobbying both Cllr Courtenay and local MPs had undertaken with central government to ensure all Southend schools are in a better position than before.</p> <p>Simon Leftley (SL) asked attendees to consider the impact the projected population growth in the South East England in the next</p>	

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	<p>10 years.</p> <p>BM mentioned the series of Task & Finish group meetings which have been set up to work through reducing the deficit in High Needs budget, and to create a fairer distribution model going forwards. Minutes of the Task & Finish group meetings would be distributed to Education Board members.</p> <p>JM confirmed that pressure from Essex County Council has been increasing regarding their High Needs children taking places in Southend</p> <p>RB said it would be helpful if inter-authority comparisons could be made as most people round the table have no knowledge of how our High Needs budget compares to elsewhere/nationally.</p> <p>Paul Hayman (PH) agreed it would be helpful to be able to compare overspend in High Needs with statistical neighbours.</p> <p>Anthony McGarel (AM) said the level of core funding for post 16 years children has not been changed since 2011.</p> <p>BM said the local authority will use demographic data to assess those on SEN support and what that means for Southend.</p>	BM
6.	<p><u>Education Board Matters</u></p> <p>Reports from VLSG and RSG sub groups were deferred to the next Education Board meeting as the sub groups had not yet been about the meeting due to the Christmas and New Year period.</p> <p>Neil Houchen (NH) presented a report from the SPSG.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Update on Current Matters</u></p> <p>BM reported back on recent Ofsted reports and the reasoning behind a two day inspection called was simply due to the size of the school.</p> <p>Amanda Champ (AC) reported back on the uplift in interest in the 11+ from Southend children following the summer marketing campaign. There followed a general discussion about grammar schools.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>BM confirmed that he has invited Alison Griffith to attend the June Education Board meeting. He is also extending an invitation to Regional Schools Commissioner, Sue Baldwin to attend a future meeting.</p>	BM
9.	<p><u>Next Meeting</u></p>	

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	The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 13 th March 2018, 0815h – 1100h. Venue details to be confirmed in due course.	Robert Harris
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