

Collaborative Funding Group Meeting (2)
Minutes - Friday 21 September 2018

Apologies: Fay Holland, Steven George, Alison Ali
Welcome: Tom Middlehurst - SSAT

Minutes from 3 July 2018 - agreed

Main items - previous actions formed the basis of the main agenda points for today's meeting:

1. Memorandum of Understanding (Thanks to Rob)
 - a. To be called a "Terms of Reference"
 - b. Title change and minor adjustments - see attached
2. Members' actions - an update
 - a. F40 - to maintain MP briefings - next meeting 15/10/18
 - i. Briefing paper - all parties acknowledged the quality of this document. Further discussions were expressed about the development of the paper
 1. Funding shortfall
 2. How much does it cost to run a school?
 3. Activity led funding
 4. NFF uses historical averages which cements previous funding inequalities
 - b. NEU
 - i. Updating "School Cuts" using current NFF data and current inflation indicators
 - ii. Andrew will continue liaising with colleagues within the NEU and this group to confirm the extent of cuts and impact upon school budgets. This information will be shared as soon as possible.
 - c. Parent Groups
 - i. A parent summit has taken place in order to develop ideas and future actions:
 1. National day of action 17/10/18 - "Floss for funding" - support from campaign members welcome #parentsteachersunite
 2. MP briefing - presentations to MPs at Portcullis House - coordinated by Alison Ali - 10/10/18
 - d. Worth Less?
 - i. Mass action - 28 September
 - ii. Jules raised Pay award and DFE funding
 - iii. DFE press release to be circulated (JW). IFS real terms funding report to be circulated (JW)
 - iv. IFS report - real terms funding - to be circulated
 - e. ASCL
 - i. Their current focus will be on medium term planning ahead of the Comprehensive Spending Review, they are continuing to circulate information concerning school cuts and an upcoming Council session will focus on media work highlighting funding concerns.
 - f. NAHT
 - i. Maintaining a strong focus on the impact of funding cuts via a variety of national and regional campaign work. JW to share a basic document on the impact of current financial reductions (see attached)

Concluding points:

All parties agreed that our ongoing dialogue is proving both supportive and helpful. Thanks to Julia for hosting the meeting.

Date of next meeting:

We agreed to meet in mid-January and Gemma will circulate finalised date and venue.

Jules
01/10/18