**SCHOOLS FORUM**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 19 October 2021**

**at 1.00 pm via Zoom**

**Members Present:**  Sue Hammond – Headteacher, Whitmore High School (CHAIR)

Louise Browning – Headteacher, Norbury School (VICE CHAIR)

Patrick O’Dwyer – Divisional Director Education Services

Geraldine Higgins – Headteacher, Sacred Heart Language College

Sue Maguire – Headteacher, Hatch End High School

Steven Deanus – Headteacher, Roxeth Primary School

Chris Briggs – Headteacher, St Joseph’s Primary School

Councillor Christine Robson – Portfolio Holder Young People & Schools

PK Maselino – Headteacher, The Helix Education Centre

Lee Helyer – Headteacher, Kingsley High School

**Officers in Attendance:** Jo Frost – Finance Business Partner

Sarah Douglass – Community Safety Officer

David Harrington – Head of Business Intelligence

SH opened the meeting.

**1 Apologies and Order of the Agenda**

Apologies were received and accepted from:

Nick Waldron – Headteacher, Pinner Park Primary School

Sarah Marriott – Headteacher, Pinner Wood Primary School

Sash Hamidi – Executive Headteacher, The Pegasus Trust

The order of the agenda was agreed.

**2** The minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2021 were agreed.

**3 Matters Arising**

None

**4 Update on Raising Achievement of Boys of Black Caribbean Heritage (BBCH) Project**

SH welcomed DH and SD from the LA. LB introduced the report.

LB explained that there was more work with parents and young people required. SDo explained that letters are in the process of going out to families.

LB explained that the recruitment of the workers had not yet been started as want to align the requirements with the output of SDo’s research.

DH stated that there was also more work to do using other information from other projects which may provide additional options to recruiting full time staff members. Part of this will be to look at other national and local research and identify areas of best practice.

SH queried how long it would take to complete the work with families and young people. SDo explained that letters are in the process of going out to 9 families and then need to wait to see if they are willing to engage which could take up to three months.

SDo also explained that some of the recommendations so far are around processes and systems which can begin now but that some related to direct interventions with families and young people and these would have to wait until the report is finalised.

SM noted that there is frustration and also pointed out that the case studies only covered 9 young people and their experiences 3-4 years ago. Whilst their views are important it is only a small cohort and there is a lot of other research in the report which can be used.

SH requested a plan with a timeline about how the money would be spent in line with the recommendations from the report. This will need to come back to Schools Forum in January 2022. At that point a line can be drawn under the work with 9 families and use whatever has come out of it.

ACTION LB/SM

**5 Any Other Business**

POD to circulate School Organisation (including roll projections) October Cabinet report to Heads for information

ACTION POD

The meeting closed at 2pm

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on 11 January 2022.