

MAT Meeting Notes 25.9.2018

Representation from Boldmere Nursery and Infant School, Boldmere Junior School, Holland House School and Penns School. Discussion about how we could reach parents at Minworth and New Oscott Schools. Agreed that leaflets will be printed and handed out outside each of the schools – pdf of leaflet now has been shared on love brum schools so please share electronically/on mobile/print! – everyone.

There has been no answer on a consultation date from any of the schools, despite requests from individual parents and 158 signatories on open letter – Sarah to chase.

Documents from Colin Diamond, NAHT and Bury Council to be presented to governors of each of the schools – Sarah.

Public meeting to be held with a number of speakers giving a balanced view of academisation, conversion to MAT and to campaign for an open and honest consultation process. Speakers invited to include; Lisa Trickett, NAHT, Doug Morgan, Sarah Barton and individual schools. Posters around the community for a wider public reach. Sarah Reynolds to email schools a separate letter outlining purpose of meeting. Date and Venue to be confirmed shortly. Everybody to spread word.

KEY that schools need to legally consult before conversion, not after as appears to be schools' intention.

Representation at Ward Conference 29.9.18 – this was a well-attended meeting and interest in the MAT proposal was good. Lots of questions and comments taken and discussion was interesting. Flyers handed out and new email contacts gained.

Open and honest discussion surrounding some of points raised in initial meeting with schools, especially surrounding funding figures, benefits for children, access to capital funding for building.

Request to see business plan and financial figures for MAT conversion as well as transparency surrounding schools' financial situations. What would be the benefits of MAT conversion with regards to funding as opposed to LEA or other methods of collaboration. Sutton Learning Trust/ Four Oaks Cluster schools as an example- see if we can make contact with these schools – possible speaker for public meeting number two? – who would be happy to approach?

Freedom of Information Requests to see minutes of Governor's meetings to see how much academisation/MAT conversion has been discussed at these meetings – this has been requested in part of open letter to schools. Look to sending letter with just FOI. - Sarah

Potential crowdfunding to raise funds for a solicitors letter to buy time to get answers and proper consultation process in place - Sarah

Vicki Day to contact local councilors for their support.

Contact to be made with Nick Horner from Sutton Observer for additional exposure – Falk & Sarah.

Possibility of using school complaints procedures to gain answers to our questions – everyone.

Ask to attend governing body meetings and address – Peter.