



Minutes

Name of meeting	Isle of Wight Admissions Forum
Date and time	14 October 2008 9.30 – 11.30 am
Venue	East Cowes Convent
Present	Matt Atkins – Vice Chair John Brocklehurst – Ex-officia Cllr. George Cameron – Local Authority Amanda Page – Ex-officia Karin Wales – Community and Controlled Primary Schools Louise Tatton – Local Authority
Apologies	John Bradshaw: Dorothy Harrington: Liz Hodson: Cllr. Brian Mosdell: Sara Sheath: 1. Adrian Smith: Urszula Topp: Tina Wroath
2.	Minutes of last meeting previously circulated - agreed and signed by Vice Chair as a true record.
3.	Matters arising:- Educating your Child booklet had not been available for scheduled meeting on 28/08/08. The design had been outsourced which caused delays and waiting for the adjudicator's decision (item 8) and information from Christ the King College and the Foundation School for inclusion. MA and members present are very pleased with the booklet, and expressed their thanks for the work involved to attain a clear, concise format and smart appearance. The 2009 admissions packs have been sent to parents, closing date for applications is 28/11/08.
4.	Election of Chair and Vice Chair:- MA nominated Sara Sheath to continue as Chair – subject to concurrence at next meeting. KW nominated MA to continue as Vice Chair – motion carried
5	Update on current admissions round: 5a. AP reported that 95% of parents who expressed a first preference school were successful. Medina High, Sandown High, Bishop Lovett Middle, Archbishop King C Middle, Trinity CE Middle, Lake Middle, Solent Middle, Newport CEP, Wootton Primary, Northwood Primary, Shalfleet CE Primary and St Mary's C Primary were over subscribed. 5b. Appeals – many children were offered places from the waiting list. Appeals:- 6 for Medina High – 7 for Sandown High, 2 for Bishop Lovett Middle, 7 for Lake Middle, 8 for Solent Middle and 1 for Shalfleet CE Primary. 5c. Solent and Lake found for parents – capacity reasons. No appeals found maladministration of LA.

There have been 6 in year appeals 3 upheld and 3 refused.

5d. In future appeals for Sandown High will be the responsibility of the school as they now have Foundation Status.

5e. JB said that during consultation on 2010 admission numbers, schools would be encouraged to set realistic admissions numbers. AP stated that LA legally bound to consult for 2010 and adhere to timetable. JB said that the DCSF had contingency programme regarding major changes in LA. Admission numbers can be frozen for 3 years after re-organisation.

5g. KW requested guidance on setting admissions numbers.
Action JB for next meeting – Paper on setting admissions numbers and the re-organisation. Also report on new admissions code.

6 **Update on transport appeals**

6a. JB reported that since the Director had agreed to implement transport appeals, there are over 20 appeals waiting to be heard. A few appeals were cancelled following a change in the transport act 2006 which was implemented in September 2008. Appeals will be heard late October early November.

6b. Transport will be a major issue with the school re-organisation.
Safe routes to school – 3 routes have been identified so far as being unsafe, therefore, there will be more pupils eligible for transport. LA is investigating 'Assisted lift to schools' for primary pupils.

6c. JB to report on transport appeals at next meeting

7 **Admissions Forum Annual Report**

JB informed the Forum that the Annual Report had to be with the adjudicator by the end of November. GC. JB. SS. and MA to meet and discuss report, JB will organise date and time.

Report to be circulated to members as soon as possible.

8. **Schools Adjudicator determination 29 September 2008 (Paper A)**

8a. JB advised that Aided schools had accepted the determination of the adjudicator regarding baptised Catholic children and service personnel.
AP stated that the adjudicator's determination had arisen through one parent, only one item was upheld. It was beneficial to the LA that school admissions were under close scrutiny and no problems had been highlighted.
All aided schools have their own admissions policy a generic policy has been published in the booklet.

9. **Any Other Business**

In Year 'Fair Access' to be discussed at next meeting.

10. Next meeting – Tuesday 31 March 2009 – 9.30 – 11.30 am
Tuesday 16 June 2009 – 9.30 – 11.30 am
Tuesday 20 October 2009 – 9.30 – 11.30 am all held at the
Convent of the Cross, East Cowes

Minutes agreed 31 March 2008