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Response from the Parentzone - Parental Involvement questionnaire

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Responding as: An individual

Individual: Yes

Confidentiality: Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address

Behalf of groups:

Sharing responses / future engagement: Yes

Question 1: yes

Question 2: yes

Question 3: It would make sense to incorporate them into these objectives and plans, but as long as they're actually done, i can't see that it matters.

Question 4: Yes, either that or the set up of PTAs or PAs should be obligatory. Our school has none of these; the board is restricted as to what it can discuss, and many parents are put off joining because of the formality, rigidity and bureaucracy of the board. A flexible forum could solve this, but if everything is decided locally, there is a risk of the same group running the show, with many parents left unrepresented. There must be national guidelines to ensure that all parents are represented, and nobody is steamrollered out.

Question 5: If ALL parents agree to the chosen means of appointment then yes, but how would this be ensured?

Question 6: Yes

Question 7: Yes

Question 8: Yes

Question 9: There should be some model constitution similar to that which the SPPA produces for toddler groups, in which forum members can fill in quorum numbers etc, and the constitution should then be approved by the executive, to ensure, again that all parents can be represented.

Question 10: Yes, and yes.

Question 11: Their carers should be represented equally as parents.

Question 12: Yes.

Question 13: Parents should have the right to attend whether or not they sit on the committee; others should be by invitation, or they can request. There must be some level of liaison between the forums and the headteacher/councillor, so perhaps they should be given regular reports from the forums.

Question 14: Yes, and the first four should be obligatory.

Question 15: Any matters? Only if relevant to education (ideally in the broadest sense) and school.

Question 16: I can't see how a third party's involvement would be bettered by the forum being an agent of the education authority, but it would mean that forums wouldn't have to fund insurance themselves.

Question 17: Yes

Question 18: Yes
Question 19: Yes
Question 20: Yes
Question 21:
Question 22: Yes

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