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Response from the Parentzone - Parental Involvement questionnaire

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Responding as: An individual

Individual: Yes

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

Behalf of groups:

Sharing responses / future engagement:

Question 1: No. This must come from the school. I understood there was already a duty in the present system

Question 2: As above. If something isn't broken don't try and fix it.

Question 3: Yes. There is no other place they could be put.

Question 4: No as i have said the present system works so don't try and fix it. This new system seems to me to be very poorly thought out. The idea may be a good one but doing it the way of the draft Bill is not the way. Keep School Boards and PTA's. They have different functions and are run by different types of people both of whom would be unhappy at trying each other's tasks.

Question 5: No. Who is to take the responsibility of getting the parents together in the first place?

Question 6: There is a duty of promoting the Schoold Board why change it?

Question 7: There is already provision for School Boards or groups of them meeting together to discuss joint issues and indeed area meetings of chairpersons.

Question 8: Someone will have to have the authority to do it but this would make them just school boards under another name.

Question 9: Again there are very few groups of parents who would alter a constitution once it had started. So again this seems to be turning our like school boards under another name

Question 10: Already under school boards parents are in the majority. Co-opted members of a community provide a very valuable resource.

Question 11: At present a social worker attends parents evenings as the guardian why not just make provision for a guardian to be able to attend.

Question 12: No they should be treated as parents.

Question 13: How can a body discuss educational improvements when the Headteacher and a teacher are not present to say exactly what the state is at the moment. It is ludicrous to think of setting up parents forums with the remit given not to have the Head Teacher and a Teacher there. It should be the DUTY of the school to appoint a teacher and a DUTY of the Head Teacher to be there.

Question 14: These are pretty much the same as the school Board

Question 15: This again is what the School Boards do in practice.

Question 16: School Boards are agents. PTA's have their own insurance why change things for the sake of change?

Question 17: YES
Question 18: YES
Question 19: This happens already.
Question 20: These would need to be specified before anyone can say yes or no.
Question 21: I agree
Question 22: I thought there were complaints procedures already in place. If there are not then this negligence.

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