

Date	Venue	Attendees	Question Asked by:	Question	Response Given by:	Response
22/05/14 Start 16.00pm End 16.55pm	Saltney Ferry Primary school	Cllr Bithell Ian Budd Tom Davies Claire Homard Kevin Grandfield	Viv Martin, Cook	Are we having a separate kitchen and dining hall?	TD  IB	The facilities will stay as they are until there is a new build. Bids for 21 Century Schools Funding from Welsh Government not considered until 2017 at the earliest No truth in the Rumour that the current site will be sold to Airbus.
			Karen Mendoza Teaching Assistant	What is the capacity for the new amalgamated school?	TD  IB	Projections would be tailored to the community at the time to meet capacity, and would take into account any changes, such as new developments etc  Under council policy a sustainable size secondary is around 600 pupils with four form entries.
			Karen Mendoza Teaching Assistant	Why can't St David's carry on now with its sixth form?	IB	At ages 11-16 the school can offer the curriculum but there are insufficient students for Post 16 education to draw down funding for Post 16 curriculum. The existing consortium arrangements come to and end in 2016.
			Crystal Goodgear, Playgroup Supervisor	Would the new plans include a playgroup?	TD  CH	Planning for any new build would include spaces for community use, and integrating a playgroup would be a possible user.  There is a good Estyn report on the playgroup provision and we want the best for our learners i.e. wrap around care for parents. The Authority doesn't legally have to provide but always aspire to do so.
			Louise Harris, Chair of Governors	How are interim managers and governors appointed?	TD	There will be leadership amalgamation with one headteacher appointed to the post as one headteacher leads an amalgamated school. This post holder will then draw up

						<p>their leadership team.</p> <p>There will be a recommendation to the interim governing body that the staff complement be adopted 'en bloc' as it is only a technical amalgamation as the functions are still needed on two sites. Once a new school is established there may be issues around staffing levels. This would be decided by the headteacher and governing body at that time. This would be several years ahead.</p>
			Louise Harris, Chair of Governors	What is the appointment procedure for the headteacher?	TD	<p>A temporary governing body is established with representatives from the two existing schools. It is up to the temporary governing body to draw up a job description and person specification. It is their responsibility to make an appointment either through a ring fence pool or national advert.</p>
			Sue Pinnegar NNEB and Governor.	What size will the temporary governing body be?	KB	<p>The regulations provide us with the specific detail depending on size of the school.</p>
			Louise Harris, Chair of Governors	What will be the structure for St David's High School?	TD	<p>Needs to be built to segregate age ranges but the design will be advised by the new head e.g. on separate entrances.</p>
					CB	<p>Hopefully there will be a new funding tranche in 2017 from Wales Government.</p>
					IB	<p>Across Wales there are good examples of amalgamation and federated schools.</p>

					TD	<p>Research shows that collaborative leadership across all age ranges helps ensure good learner progress.</p> <p>There are many advantages to an amalgamated school, talents can be exchanged from each phase and also a single, larger budget gives additional flexibility for the school.</p>
			Mavis Crofts, Governor	A comment that 3-16 was a knee jerk reaction, but 11-16 was discussed before Estyn report therefore can you reassure that rumour was incorrect?	IB	<p>Confirm that we are all working together to move the school through the improvement challenges that it is facing.</p> <p>The improvement work is urgent and happening now. Any school organisation outcome will take a longer period of consultation with the community.</p>
			N. Martin, Assistant head	What would happen if the decision was to progress with a 11-16 at St David's High	TD	There would be no development and Saltney Ferry stays the same. Arrangements would still need to be made in relation to the closure of the sixth form.
			Karen Mendoza Teaching Assistant	Will there be funding from the disposal of land? What will be the plans?	IB	The Council has to typically borrow money over 40 years to pay for capital projects, which is known as Prudential Borrowing. The existing capital programme is a big investment. Capital receipts don't drive the funding picture. Also we can't make assumptions that the land will sell and at what figure.
			Karen Mendoza Teaching Assistant	Community wants to know what is happening to the land?	CB  IB	<p>Any plans would be subject to planning and legal processes.</p> <p>Important to contact us if anxious over rumours. Today's money needs to be spent</p>

						on today's pupils and so works continue where needed on existing sites.
			Louise Harris, Chair of Governors	Will the design develop from learning from Holywell High School?	IB  CH	Important to learn from experiences of school community on a new build. We involve pupils and the wider community in the design.  School involved as part of the team in design along with engineers, architects, LA officers etc along with visits to other sites.
			Louise Harris, Chair of Governors	Are other schools in the area interested? Is it a real possibility that other schools be included because of their surplus places?	TD  IB	With Wood Memorial the consultation process is open enough to take into account all primary into one site and this can be considered by County Council. They would consider practical things like transport etc. The site area at St. David's is limited therefore restricts the accommodation for numbers of pupils in line with size of outside space.  We can look afresh at any of new or additional ideas raised including those on Monday night. However, a challenge now is how leaders of schools can work together to share resources and responsibilities for the outcomes for local learners.
			Louise Harris, Chair of Governors	If no funding and it remains a split site and that affects performance, will you reverse the amalgamation?	IB	If something is not working we will always consider alternatives. We would look into why it is not working and finding a solution to try and make it work.
			Parent	Will additional needs pupils still have to travel to different schools or will St David's cater for this?	IB	This will be down to parent choice and specific needs of the child.

