

EIS Meeting Local Association Minutes
Secondary Schools Support Service Building
11.3.15

1.1:0 Constitution of the meeting

Chair: Gordon Joyce

Minute: Wendy Cowan

Present: Teresa Barker, Rosie Dempster, Karen Farrell, Gavin Hunter,
Gordon Joyce

1.1:1 Apologies: Lynne Duggan, Linsay Hunter, Graeme Wright

1.2:1 Minutes Accuracy

Minutes agreed as accurate -

Proposed: Karen Farrell

Seconded: Rosie Dempster

1.3:1 Secretary's Update

Correspondence

Correspondence from Headquarters. EIS looking to set up a number of Subject Specialist Groups, with view to report back to headquarters.

This would help to better inform negotiations. Topics for discussion would include course content, verification, assessment.

Gavin Hunter will send email to all members.

1.3:2 EAL Provision

Working Group set up to gather information re the impact of Teaching and Learning, given the current EAL provision.

The group is aware there are a number of non English speaking pupils and are looking to consolidate information re this topic. Provision appears to be sporadic; not all children are offered provision.

The Working Group recognises the impact on teaching and learning, and will require specific information - funding, staffing levels, differentiation. GJ suggested contacting members to seek their opinion, as this would be a positive way to engage members and would give a more representative view.

GH will email all Local EIS reps.

1.4:1 Treasurer's Update

KF will pay all Honorariums and outstanding bills by end of week. Future payments will come directly from Headquarters on a twice yearly basis.

1.4:2

Committee agreed it was appropriate to pay £300 for rent to CSSS, as EIS materials were stored there and the office space was available if and when required.

GH would prefer to get rid of excess paper work and instead have electronic version at hand. It was agreed after a 7 year period case notes should be shredded. Documents/Agreements still exist which are still used as a point of reference and will remain stored in the office space at CSSS in the meantime.

1.4:3

Bank Account is slowly decreasing. A number of factors for this include no increase in Honorarium payments, increase in both Accountant and insurance cost, membership has reduced.

Committee agreed to keep £500 for debit card use.

1.5:1 Learning Rep Update

Feed back from the recent GTCS CPD event at Wallace High School was excellent. Event proved to be highly successful for all concerned.

1.5:2

KF requested ideas for future events. A Health and Well being Event was suggested as a possibility by WC.

1.6:1

Meeting Dates - the following dates were discussed and agreed as provisional.

13th May

17th June

26th August

23rd September

28th October

25th November

17th December

27th January

2nd March ABM

9th March

1.7:1

AOCB

Standing Items

Agreed the following points should be standing items on the agenda

- Membership engagement - minutes sent to all Reps who will then distribute to members.
- Website - GH will contact Headquarters for training for GH and GJ.
- Office space- appropriate materials to be shredded!

1.7:2

GJ volunteered to organise ABM for next March and suggested LA invite Ian McCaskill to discuss pensions given the impending change over.

1.7:3

GH and GJ will discuss increase of facility time, which would enable GJ additional time to take forward specific ideas, including raising the profile of the local Executive.

1.7:4

Constitutional change

Agreed this requires to be updated; GH will bring back constitution with changes to update. A motion to do so must be made at ABM in March.