

EIS Meeting Local Association Minutes
Secondary Schools Support Service Building
28.9.16

5.1:0 Constitution of the meeting

Chair: Gordon Joyce

Minute: Wendy Cowan

Present: Teresa Barker, Karen Farrell, Gavin Hunter, Linsay Hunter,
Donal Hurley

5.1:1 Apologies - NA

5.2:1 Minutes Accuracy

Minutes agreed. Brief discussion took place re accuracy of minutes. Agreed the focus should be on content rather than spelling.

Proposed: Linsay Hunter

Seconded: Teresa Barker

5.2:2 Matters arising from previous Minutes

Donal Hurley had expressed interest re TU Training. This was cancelled due to low numbers. Donal has since signed up to complete online version.

5.2:3 Ann Skillen contacted Gavin Hunter re Meet and Greet session (Larry Flanagan) on 6.10.16. She had received only two responses from Clacks.

Gavin agreed to email all members.

5.2:4

The report following Education Scotland visit, which both Gavin and Gordon attended, has now been published. Gavin will forward this to all Reps.

5.3:1 Secretary's Update

LNCT - there has been no date set for LNCT meeting.

5.3:2

Gavin Hunter met with Anne Pearson. There was no official agenda for this meeting, simply an opportunity to discuss issues which had arisen. The following points were discussed -

- Purpose of Education Scotland visit was to audit what LA had done in terms of Tackling Bureaucracy; it would appear little had been done. LNCT has discussed this issue but not revised advice.
(The Committee agreed a positive way forward would be for LNCT to request a response from schools).

- Gavin clarified EIS position re Industrial Action in schools at the moment.
- LNCT - Ann Pearson will set dates and contact Gavin. The Bi Partite, which replaces JCC, meets once a month. Moving forward there is the opportunity to change things in a positive way.
- Gavin did request that he is given any Service draft proposals which will allow him to send to Reps for consultation. He voiced his concern re Probationers, given the handover in March 2017.

5.3:3

EIS Headquarters

Announcement made by John Swinney re Tackling Bureaucracy agenda. SQA has agreed to remove mandatory unit assessments from Nat 5 and Higher courses.

5.3:4

LNCT - Gavin discussed the possibility of dove tailing Bi Partite and LNCT meetings as a way forward. There are five available seats for members on LNCT.

Gordon Joyce voiced his preference to attend both Bi Partite/LNCT, regardless of the format.

Treasurer's Update

5.4:1

Karen Farrell requires copy of Minutes/Agendas from Aug 2015 for the Accountant.

5.4:2

Karen will follow up Honoraria for Minute Secretary.

5.5:1

Learning Rep

Colin Findlay from EIS Falkirk LA had in conjunction with Donal and Karen organised a Professional Learning event on 24th Sept at Wallace High School. The event proved to be successful, with a turnout of approx 40. All evaluations sent to HQ.

5.5:2

Karen voiced she is keen to set up Network Groups which would be positive way forward for members.

5.5:3

Donal attended Scottish Learning Festival. Very Positive feedback on successful morning, highly recommended to all members if opportunity arises in future.

5.6:1

Meeting Dates

Next meeting - 26.10.16. This will be held at Lornshill Academy, commencing **4.15pm**.

5.7:1

Deferred items

Membership engagement - minutes sent to all Reps who will then distribute to members. TBCF.

5.7:2

Website - overtaken by Donal who is at early stages of designing website for LA. TBCF.

5.7:3

Office space - appropriate materials to be shredded! TBCF.

5.8:1

AOCB

Roles of LAs in Schools. The Read, Write, Ink Programme has arrived in all Primary Schools in the Authority. Reading programme devised for P1-P3. Training will be available for all staff during Nov Inset. Concerns raised re who will be formally delivering this programme. Roles of the LA prior to delivery may have to be clearly defined.