

Minute of Meeting – Executive Committee

Clackmannanshire Local Association

Educational Institute of Scotland

Virtual Meeting!

29/9/20

1. Constitution of Meeting

Chair: Karen Farrell

Minute: Wendy Cowan

Present: Teresa Barker, Nick Clark, Donal Hurley, Gordon Joyce

2. Minute of previous meeting

Not available

2:1 Matters arising from Minutes

N/A

3. Secretary's Report

Karen Farrell organised Virtual Meeting via Glow! Agreed it was important for LE to continue to share our experience and keep up to date with events, both local and national at this very different time in Education. Karen is in regular contact with EIS HQ and also with all Local Association Secretaries and kept up to date with the ever changing news and guidelines. Agreed the LE virtual meetings would be simply a forum for ideas/ discussion and minutes Would be listed as bullet points!

The following points were raised and discussed –

- Expectations of work provided on line - blended learning approach. There are two Digital Secondment posts in the authority who may be better placed to provide support in the current situation.
- Teaching staff have a duty to provide work for pupils who are self-isolating; this remains a challenge! In some cases there are no IT resources at home to work, Google classroom is not always easy to access, teachers themselves don't always have the latest resources.

- Cleaning remains high priority – KF has sent an email to all Reps asking who is cleaning the desks. This is in the Risk Assessment. It would appear there are not enough cleaning staff in schools at the moment. Cleaners told to remain in their own buildings.
- All teachers should be following Covid 19 guidelines. Highest instance at moment is from teacher to teacher. Numbers are creeping back up. Secondary Schools have introduced double periods to minimise contact.
- Additional supervision of pupils to cover for absenteeism should be included as contact time.
- Practical subjects – concern over the exam, given 80% of work is practical. SQA have been in touch with Scottish Government. S4 pupils may have to do a 2 year course. Priority at the moment are S5/6 pupils.
- Students – a lot of discussion around students. Many local authorities have agreed not to carry out observations; priority has to be HWB/Recovery. Guidance will be given next week.
- School day- Any agreement to change the school day at the moment should be short term.
- Classroom Temperature – Guidance coming out next week. Secondary schools have ventilators so not an issue. Plan ahead for winter! Minimum temp is 16C!

Fire doors in Primary schools are being propped open for ventilation. This should not happen!
- INSET – there needs to be an assurance of social distancing. EIS advice is that all meetings should be done on line. Some authorities have no meetings. Agreed to discuss at LNCT.
- Accounts – GJ will send accounts but requires to clarify one or two items with KF prior to this.
- School Reps – Reps to be contacted to ensure all members are aware of the Risk Assessment signed. It must be emphasised to all if staff are not following guidelines they are liable for disciplinary action. Staff are already being disciplined for not following procedure.

