

Shaping Solihull

Summary of the Heads' Partnership Meeting Held on 10th November 2016 Manor Hotel, Meriden

Head Teachers Present:	Lynn Clark, Eleanor Clarke, Anita Delaney, Jackie Denton, Beverley Elliott, Kara Evans, Bernie Farkas, Des Foxon, Roulla Gabriel, Julie Gaughan, Caroline Glennon, Jenny Godsall, Emma Gray, Emily Hughes, Jane Hutchinson, Jon Kirk, Julie McCarthy, Louise Minter, Diane Molyneux, Lisa Montandon, Marie Murphy, Roberta Narroway, Jacque Nicholls, Lynne Russell, Rachael Russell, Karen Scott, Trevor Scott, Jo Slough, Dr Janette Smith, Vicki Spall, Lindsey Thorne, Sara Wilkes, Andrew Williams, Tina Willmott, Deb Wilson, Lucy Winkler
School Governors Present:	Simon Bloxham, Lorna Bosley, Gary Campbell, Antoinette Fisher, Steve Hill, Dennis Jorden, Lynda Mackay, Janet Marsh, Pam Price, Annette Scott
Guests:	Lois Brough, David Butt, James Gorton, Peter Ellmer, Ann Pearson, Rowan Underwood, Lesley Wright
Apologies:	Ros Ashe, Damian Burgess, Katy Craig, Sandra Logan, Jane Martin, Carol Mason, Jenny McGuirk, Angela Miller, Amanda Mordey, Martin Murphy, Mark Pratt, Stewart Tait, Ben Taylor, Darren Turner
Minutes:	Jane Watts

		Actions
1	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Louise Minter welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave an update on the following:</p> <p>Peer to Peer Review Pilot Pilot peer to peer reviews had taken place amongst a group of schools and feedback had been very positive. It will be reviewed at Heads' Conference in January.</p> <p>Heads Conference Heads' Conference takes place on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th January 2017. Nick Page, Chief Executive SMBC, will open the event and the programme will include David Cameron (not ex-PM), peer to peer support and review, the Music Service and Contender Charlie.</p> <p>Bright Pi Everyone agreed that they would be interested in commissioning Bright Pi to extend the scheme to give it greater depth. However, as not all schools use Bright Pi, collaborative leads were asked to establish usage within their collaborative and feed back to SSSAB in December where it will be discussed further.</p> <p>EHC Panels The group agreed that a timetable should be drawn up for Headteachers or their SENCOs to share responsibility for attending the weekly EHC Panel meetings. LM will follow this up.</p>	<p>Collaborative Leads</p> <p>Louise Minter</p>
2	<p>SEND Strategy</p> <p>An Ofsted inspection of SEND is imminent. Please email any thoughts/comments on the cribsheet used in Birmingham to Jane Watts (jawatts@solihull.gov.uk).</p> <p>LM asked everyone to start thinking about SEND requirements within their collaborative, ie what aspects of expertise schools still need from SISS.</p> <p>Lesley Wright gave an update on the SEND Strategy and the following questions were raised:</p> <p>Q: What are the time lines for implementation of the SEND Strategy? A: We expect funding changes from September 2018/2019 - part of those will be a change to National Funding Formula. In terms of a schools' led approach and strategy we need to get going now to have some pilots running this year.</p>	

	<p>Q: If the National Funding Formula is not addressed until 2018 what is the Local Authority going to do to support schools in the meantime?</p> <p>A: Schools Forum is planning to ask the Local Authority this question on schools' behalf.</p> <p>Q: At what point does a school become a semi special school when there are large numbers of low level need pupils? Is there a need for a special school in Solihull for pupils with MLD?</p> <p>Q: Peer moderation within collaboratives will help.</p> <p>The group felt that, whilst the new SEND Strategy is good, the issue with quality of provision in schools at the moment due to lack of capacity and infrastructure is not being addressed. The F40 group had been progressing this issue but their approach to the government for funding to bridge the gap had been unsuccessful.</p> <p>Schools need to start thinking collaboratively and collaborative leads were asked to ensure SEND needs were discussed at forthcoming collaborative meetings.</p>	Collaborative Leads
3	<p>Facilities Time</p> <p>Peter Ellmer gave an overview of Facilities Time and agreed to circulate a summary to headteachers via Jane Watts (to follow). The group requested clarification about the difference between Facilities Time and individual subs plus a comparison with different local authorities.</p>	
4	<p>Admissions</p> <p>Lois Brough and Ann Pearson gave an update on school admissions and the School Organisation Plan. Please email any queries to loisbrough@solihull.gov.uk and annpears@solihull.gov.uk.</p>	
5	<p>ICT Briefing</p> <p>David Butt gave an update briefing on ICT and circulated handouts. He urged schools to provide governors with school email access and to contact him with any concerns.</p> <p>Please email dabutt@solihull.gov.uk with any queries.</p>	
6	<p>EVOLVE</p> <p>James Gorton and Rowan Underwood explained that only trips requiring Local Authority approval have to be loaded on to EVOLVE. Other local trips and sporting events only need to go on the system if schools want them to. The minimum notification for trips requiring LA approval is 14 days, however the team does look at events that fall within this time scale if schools contact them.</p> <p>It is often necessary to add parent volunteers last minute and they can be added as a note.</p>	
7	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next Heads' Partnership meeting is at 9am – 1pm on Thursday 23rd March 2017 at the Manor Hotel, Meriden.</p>	

Please email any feedback about this Heads' Partnership Meeting to Louise Minter.
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