

REPORT BY SSSAB FOR PRESENTATION AT THE FORUM MEETING HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2019

Date of SSSAB meeting: Tuesday 19 November 2019

Items discussed (brief summary of key items):

Review of Terms of Reference and Membership

The number of schools in Mosaic had reduced. The group had discussed their future and confirmed they were happy to commit to continuing as they are.

Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference were reviewed and the structure diagram updated following SSSAB's agreement to the Health & Well-Being in Schools Group reporting directly to SSSAB.

Safeguarding Funding

A decision about Safeguarding funding was due to be made by April 2020 and would be discussed at the Forum Finance WG on 2nd December. SSSAB members were asked to consult with their collaboratives about the LA potentially continuing to fund Safeguarding training in the light of training being available for schools elsewhere and provide feedback ahead of this meeting.

Monitoring Statement - Update and Discussion

- It was agreed to request contributions from schools for Partnership funds in 2020/2021.
- It was noted that the funding received by SSSAB and collaboratives from the LA is under threat for 2020-2021.
- SSSAB agreed to provide funding for moderator training. Other forthcoming areas for potential funding were noted.

Strategic Plan

Headlines for the Strategic Plan 2019-2020 had been circulated and SSSAB provided their feedback. It was agreed that Healthy Schools and Life Ready would be added to the following priorities: Curriculum Development, Inclusion (in partnership with Ed SEND), Moderation and Leadership.

Feedback from Working Groups

Actions/proposals from the Headteachers' meeting with the Head of HR were as follows:

- HR is looking into the feasibility of having a duty desk as first point of call to them rather than allocated advisers.
- There was a discussion about schools having an annual meeting with HR.
- There was a proposal to move away from the allocation of a one-to-one HR adviser.
- There was a proposal for Headteachers with related experience to be involved with the development of policy & practice.

Update from Councillor Ken Meeson

- Solihull's contract with Solar, the emotional well-being mental health service for children and young people, has been extended for five years.
- Recent changes to local transport arrangements had caused some upset amongst parents. However alternative arrangements were available for children attending their non-catchment schools.
- All political parties have made it clear that they want to see robust youth services in place across the country and schools will be encouraged to be actively involved.

Key Stage Outcomes for SPAG and Maths

Kate Sirrett shared outcomes for 2019 and highlighted areas that may need further investigation.

HR

- It was agreed that Headteachers with knowledge in a related area would be invited to attend policy meetings. The policies will then be reviewed by the Policy & Procedures group and sent to SSSAB for final sign off before circulating to schools.
- The Council was adopting the higher rate apprenticeship pay rate. This did not apply to schools unless they wished to do so.

LA Update

The SEND Strategy is being written and the Inclusion Strategy will sit above this.

SSSAB – Moving Forward

The future of funding for SSSAB and the collaboratives is under threat. Feedback and comments from SSSAB were as follows:

- SSSAB meeting should continue with or without money.
- Those schools that engage with their collaborative are committed to doing so.
- Without funding, the role of chair would have to be a shared responsibility as would representation on other boards.
- Funding of SSSAB could be included in Partnership Funds.
- Someone needs to co-ordinate and administer the group.