

REPORT BY SSSAB FOR PRESENTATION AT THE FORUM MEETING HELD ON 17 JANUARY 2022

Date of SSSAB meeting: Tuesday 7 December 2021

Items discussed (brief summary of key items):

Chair's Actions and SSSAB Forward Plan

Louise Minter listed the groups on which she represents SSSAB and outlined future considerations for SSSAB, which included the following:

- What SSSAB wants from Heads' Partnership in terms of balance of information and opportunities to discuss.
- Work around inclusion in its wider sense, rather than around SEND inclusion.
- Succession planning from Deputy Headship to Headship
- Potentially re-starting the peer to peer review programme.

It was agreed to establish a sub-group of SSSAB to focus on, amongst other things, where all the different groups overlap.

Updates

Updates were received from:

- Austin Rodriguez on the Winter and Christmas Solihull Holiday Activity and Food Programme and for feedback about the planning for 2022-24.
- Mel Jones on a violence reduction/management training proposal.
- Andrea Ashley on the updated draft Sickness Absence Management Policy, Flexible Working Policy and the Safer Recruitment Policy and Guidance.
- Adrian Cattell on the fact that academies can no longer use the LA payroll from September 2022. In response to this, SSSAB agreed to set up a group to focus on sourcing a provider for academies that wish to sign up.
- Clair McNeill on the tragic death of Arthur Labinjo-Hughes and what would be happening over forthcoming weeks.

Heads Conference

Fees to be charged to schools that do not contribute to partnership funds were agreed. The schedule for the two-day event was agreed, to include a discussion about what inclusion means to schools in Solihull. This will lead to a discussion around Solihull's draft Strategy for Inclusive Education and associated Action Plan. Following the conference, the Inclusion Strategy will become part of SSSAB's work with the group starting to take the lead and become more strategic in its thinking.

Central Services Monitoring

SSSAB had agreed to monitor school sports, health & safety training, records management and Safeguarding training. It was agreed to invite council officers to forthcoming SSSAB meetings to provide updates on safeguarding training and health & safety training.

It was noted that schools pay for school sports individually so that may be something that is not relevant for monitoring.

Libraries & Schools Task and Finish Group

A successful meeting had been held to discuss how schools and libraries can work together and how libraries can support schools. This would feed in to the strategy process and various actions would be implemented.

Terms of Reference

These had been updated slightly and were accepted by SSSAB.

A full set of minutes is available on the [SSSAB extranet page](#)