



The West Partnership

Minute

West Partnership – ASN network – Meeting 2
29-11-2019
Merkland School
Langmuir Rd, Kirkintilloch, G66 2QF

Attendees: John Stuart (WP), Kay Hunter (EDC), Sarah Clark (Isobel Mair, ERC), Claire Cusack (WDC), Pauline Lynch (EdScot), Carolan Byrne (NL), Ann Reid (SL), Susan Bell (Renfrewshire), Sarah Green (WP), Julie McCallum (Mary Russell, Renfrewshire)

Apologies:

George Walker (Craigmarloch, Inverclyde), Clare Creighton (ERC), Alex MacLeod (SL)

1. Welcome and introductions

John Stuart welcomed attendees and thanked Kay Hunter for hosting the meeting at Merkland School. Introductions were made.

John asked if there was a need to confirm the nature of the network going forward. His understanding is that the Curriculum Workstream's intention was that this group would support collaboration for senior leaders working in ASN establishments and units and for local authority officers who support this sector. However, given the range of roles and responsibilities of those attending the group so far, and the discussion of policy which took place at the first meeting, he wanted to check if attendees felt that this group can fulfil the collaboration requirements of establishment based and local authority based staff with an ASN remit.

Claire explained that, nationally, there is a member led ASN network for LA officers through ASLO. There is also representation at ADES. In light of this, it was suggested that any consideration of a separate ASN officers group would need to ensure no unnecessary duplication or unnecessary additional meeting time.

John asked attendees to consider this and e-mail him with comments. He also undertook to discuss this with the Curriculum Workstream on Monday 2nd Dec. and the Health and Wellbeing Workstream on Friday 6th Dec.

Action: Attendees to e-mail John with views on group structures.

2. Minutes and matters arising

Minutes were approved.

3. Update on chair person

John explained that Gerry Lyons (GCC) is in the process of confirming a new chairperson for the network, following the retirement of Margaret McFadden. The group's thanks to Margaret for setting up the network were minuted.

4. Update from Education Scotland – Pauline Lynch

Pauline noted that she has already shared presentation with principal EPS.

She asked that attendees share any interesting practice from local authorities with Education Scotland. There was a reminder that Education Scotland are now in a regional model and is keen to work closely with local authorities and the West Partnership to support work in a practical sense.

Pauline agreed to share her presentation with the group. Key points mentioned in the presentations were as follows:


- Inclusion team at Ed Scot have overview which covers equality, corporate parenting, ethos, rights and participation, support to learners and ASL, universal support, targeted support, support to mental health and wellbeing, safeguarding.
- On NIF can be found key documents relating to corporate parenting, children's rights (professional learning resource), CLD (professional learning resource), learner participation in Ed Settings (3-18), Young Ambassadors for Inclusion.
- Modules by Ed Scot are available on line: Introduction to Inclusive Education (module) on Open University, set in Scottish Context. Takes 2 hours. Makes sure staff are grounded in what their legal obligations are and the implications of this as a practitioner.
Dyslexia and inclusive practice module.
- CIRCLE framework module (secondary teachers)
- New Autism Toolbox (of interest in terms of induction) – in section of Scottish Context it gives all legislation etc.
- Milestones – existing context has not changed – it has just been expanded. For every area there are materials / workshops and videos.
- Autism and Bullying: there is an Education Scotland led event on 13th December in Glasgow. It will be exploring materials to deliver a pilot project. Some authorities invited have been invited to contribute to the pilot before this is shared nationally.

5. Current behaviour policy discussion

Resources / current updates were shared amongst group. There was a wide ranging discussion and a desire to learn from practice across the West Partnership. A shared area will be created on Microsoft Team to allow resources to be shared. Some attendees shared policy documentation in draft form, others shared published material.

Action: it was agreed that attendees will share electronic versions of the policy on the Microsoft Team

6. Discussion – sharing of current approached to training, including induction training, for support for learning staff across West Partnership



There was a brief discussion – due to time constraints. Glasgow have a professional learning programme for support for learning (assistants) staff delivered in partnership with further education colleges. West Dunbartonshire have core programme for SLAs, and opt in modules and school / contextual based.

South Lanarkshire have piloted a 2 week induction programme at end of year for new starts. This has been effective. A cost/ benefit analysis is being undertaken on this.

7. Tracking and monitoring of progress and wider achievement – discussion as potential for future working group.

Discussion was limited due to time constraints. However, there was strong interest in working with Sarah Green, as West Partnership Development Officer for Assessment and Moderation to facilitate sharing of practice in terms of tracking of progress and applying consistent assessment and moderation approaches across the West Partnership. A working group would have the opportunity to ensure the latest national guidance on milestones was built into this activity.

This work will be a focus of a sub group or the next meeting, pending appointment of new chair and agreement on the personnel to attend meetings going forward.

8. Date/venue for next meeting.

Mary Russell School, Hawkhead, Renfrewshire PA2 &BE
9.30 am – 12 noon, Friday 31st January 2020

