



The West Partnership

Minute

Curriculum Workstream
23 September 2019
40 John Street, Glasgow City Council

Attendees: Tony McDaid; South Lanarkshire Council, John Stuart; West Partnership, Elizabeth Morrison; West Partnership, Elizabeth McGuire; Education Scotland, Siobhan McColgan; East Renfrewshire Council, Michael Roach; Inverclyde Council, Barry Smedley; East Dunbartonshire Council, Jan McCrone; North Lanarkshire Council, Aimee Glen; West Partnership.

Apologies: Gerry Lyons; Glasgow City Council, Maureen Sneddon; Renfrewshire Council, Jill Pringle; South Lanarkshire Council, Susan Gray; West Dunbartonshire Council.

Progress with Action Plan:

1. Minutes and actions from previous meeting

- Introductions were made and J Stuart provided an overview of the work of the curriculum networks and the senior phase workstreams and advised that these will now become the one workstream.

2. Outcome planners for workstream

- J Stuart referred to the three print outs of the outcome planners.
- J Stuart advised of the Development Officer

3. Update of board paper re. curricular networks

- J Stuart referred to page 8 within the “Rationale and Proposed Structures for Subject Networks in the West Partnership” and discussed the paper is trying to appeal to practitioners and also that these areas could be flexible and agile but meet the request of subject areas.
- J Stuart advised that if there are any comments or suggestions to be made on the paper to send an email to him.

4. ASN curricular networks

- J Stuart discussed with the group that ASN is a key action point within the regional improvement plan and G Lyons had begun to take this forward.
- J Stuart updated the group on meeting with Margaret McFadden from Glasgow City Council who was previously a headteacher of an ASN school. It was advised that Margaret would be calling a meeting with her equivalents in all local authorities across the partnership. It was agreed that there needed to be a clear terms of reference in this area.
- E McGuire suggested that Pauline Lynch from Education Scotland could be involved within this work.

- M Roach advised that strategic staff within mainstream would like to be supported within specialist provisions. It was discussed if there could be professional training for support assistants?
- J Stuart advised he would keep the group updated on this.

5. Primary curricular development – proposed conference

- J Stuart updated the group on a proposed primary curricular conference which will take place on 28 January 2020 for approximately 240 delegates and it would be West Partnership and Education Scotland co-planned.
- The conference would be aimed at middle and aspiring middle leaders.
- E McGuire advised that there the conference would focus on the following:
 - Refresh narrative
 - Playful pedagogy
 - Wellbeing theme
 - Pupils leading literacy
 - Creativity
 - Transitions workshop
- It was discussed that there would be a taster group of practitioners to find out if this is what they would want the conference to be focused on. J McCrone suggested that DYW in primaries may be a useful topic to be covered. J Stuart and E McGuire to look into this with Jane Arthur from Glasgow City Council.
- E McGuire advised there would be a marketplace at the conference which would be young person led. It was also advised the 2nd keynote would be an “imagine if” session from young people across the RIC.
- J Stuart advised he would share more information on this conference as it develops.

6. West Partnership – headteacher self-help group

- J Stuart advised the group there would be a BOCSH style group within the West Partnership, it was discussed that Lynsey McRoberts from Duncannrig High School has been working on what this may look like.
- It was suggest that the national BOCSH group is used and replicated
- J Stuart to follow up on email that was sent out before summer break asking for secondary headteacher representatives to be part of this group.

7. Making maths count conference

- J Stuart advised the group of the making maths count conference that will be taking place on Saturday 2nd November 2019 at Holycross High School.
- J Stuart advised each authority have been allocated approx. 30 places and the sub group for making maths count have been working on this.

8. Action on vocational training and foundation apprenticeships

9. West Partnership offer for joint in-service day

- E Morrison advised the two additional in-service days were for RIC based activities and each workstream would offer something on these days however it was highlighted this was only an offer.

10. Date of next meeting

- It was agreed there would be three meetings across the year. The next meeting will take place in mid-November and an email will be sent out regarding dates.

Agreed Actions: