



# The West Partnership

## Minute

Curriculum  
3 December 2019

Attendees: Tony McDaid; South Lanarkshire Council, John Stuart; West Partnership, Elizabeth Morrison; West Partnership, Gerry Lyons; Glasgow City Council, Maureen Sneddon; Renfrewshire Council, Siobhan McColgan; East Renfrewshire Council, Susan Gray; West Dunbartonshire Council, Jan McCrone; North Lanarkshire Council, Barry Smedley; East Dunbartonshire Council, Elizabeth McGuire; Education Scotland, Aimee Glen; West Partnership.

Apologies: Michael Roach; Inverclyde Council.

### 1. Welcome

- J Stuart welcomed the group to the meeting and introductions were made.

### 2. Tracker and highlight reports

- J Stuart referred to the tracker and advised that it included the actions of the workstream which are highlighted in the regional improvement collaborative plan and advised that this is one of the ways updates on work are being filtered to the board.
- J Stuart referred to the highlight reports and advised this is another way work is being filtered back to the board.
- J Stuart advised that subject network meetings had begun and “TEAMS” have been set up for each subject network that has taken place so far. J Stuart advised that each subject network devised action points and these have been emailed out to the networks. G Lyons highlighted that these networks should not be another SQA focus group, J Stuart noted that this is useful feedback and advised that SQA have not been at every network and would be adding a light touch to these networks.
- J Stuart advised that feedback had been positive so far and asked the workstream if they hear of any feedback please advise himself.
- J Stuart also advised Gaynor Miller had been appointed as a Development Officer for Curricular Networks and would commence post in January 2020.

### 3. Update on Assessment and Moderation

- S Green provided an update with regards to assessment and moderation. S Green advised that all CLPL for assessment and moderation has been or will be delivered this session and it was noted that all local authorities have engaged with this. S Green highlighted that there will be a RIC event for assessment and moderation which will allow all authorities to come together and moderate on 31 March and 1 April 2020. 31<sup>st</sup> March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> level will be



covered and on 1 April 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> level will be covered; it was advised that a total of 250 practitioners have been nominated across the RIC to attend.

- S Green advised that she was in the process of developing assessment and moderation into the secondary sector and in the next term she would be looking into developing the ASN network.
- T McDaid asked where this work sits with the national framework, S Green advised that Michael Halbert from Education Scotland has advised that the message being delivered from the West Partnership is in line with the national message.
- J Stuart thanked S Green for update on assessment and moderation.

#### **4. ASN Curricular Network**

- J Stuart advised that the first ASN network meeting had now taken place and thanked Margaret McFadden for chairing this. As M McFadden is retiring it was highlighted that there was a need for someone to take this forward, G Lyons advised he will follow up on who will be taking this forward.
- J McCrone suggested that something needs to be done to include pupil support assistants and the group discussed at looking into working with school bases too.
- J Stuart advised that he would work with the chair and group to develop something curricular in regards to the ASN network.
- S McColgan also highlighted that networks would be welcomed as ASN schools can often feel isolated.
- J Stuart also advised he would have discussions with the health and wellbeing workstream to clarify if they could fit into this somewhere.

#### **5. Early Years and Primary Curricular Development**

- J Stuart advised that the primary curricular conference will be going ahead on 28 January 2020 and a list of staff and establishments taking part in the innovation stations and workshops had been emailed out to all local authorities.
- J Stuart also advised of an Early Years conference taking place on 7<sup>th</sup> February at Celtic Park and being organised by Janice Collins in East Renfrewshire Council, it was also advised that Marion Burns would be a keynote speaker at this conference.
- T McDaid highlighted that we would see what emerges of these conferences and this will then allow the work stream to work further to support primary and early years.

#### **6. Headteacher curriculum self-help group update**

- J Stuart updated the group with feedback he had received from Lynsey McRoberts after a meeting with Mark Preisley, it was advised that this was a very positive meeting however it was noted that there would be a cost attached to this. E Morrison advised that there is a finance meeting next week to advise where we are financially. J Stuart advised that the BOCSH group will meet in January and also thanked Lynsey for all her work on this.
- E McGuire advised of two sets of national groups from Education Scotland that will commence in January and there would be two three day events which will be project based and looking and learning pathways.

#### **7. Making Maths Count Conference**

- J Stuart advised that the conference was a very successful event and thanked Garry Maguire and the team for organising this. J Stuart advised that all sectors were well represented at the conference. It was advised that the data from feedback was still to be finalised however feedback would be shared to the workstream.
- J Stuart advised that the making maths count group plan to meet on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 to discuss next steps.



## 8. AOCB

- S McColgan advised of a reading recovery meeting she had recently attended and highlighted that reading recovery training is available to all authorities to access, it was advised to contact S McColgan if interested in this.

Agreed Actions:

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
Circulate names of BOCSH group to workstream	J Stuart
Share link of feedback from making maths count conference	J Stuart
Senior phase presentation at next workstream meeting	T McDaid
Key theme of learning and planning at next workstream meeting	E McGuire

Date of Next Meeting: 14 February 2020 at 9.30am