

School Performance Sub Group

Minutes of the meeting of the SPSG held at the Civic Centre Committee Room 6 5th March 2019

Board Members Present) ; Neil Houchen (NH); Darren Woollard (DW); Maurice Sweeting (MS);; Amanda Champ (AC); Jim Johnson (JJ); Maurice Sweeting (MS) Jerry Glazier (JG) Union,

1. Apologies, Welcome and introductions if required

Tim Barrett; Brin Martin

Welcome from the Chair – Neil Houchen

2. Notes of the last meeting, matters arising

Minute: discussed and agreed

Matters arising – All matters covered by Agenda	Action
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3. OFSTED UPDATE

Minute: Update on inspection and SPSG congratulations on outstanding and good results.

Ofsted outcomes – Eastwood Academy –achieved Outstanding in all categories Porters Grange – Good YMCA – section 8 inspection March 2019 not public yet Cecil Jones Academy – Safeguarding inspection – no concerns AC advised LA offered support via Annual Visits to schools that are likely to face the inspection. In depth discussion took place at the Directors Briefing. AC will email list of schools likely to be inspected to SPSG according to the ‘hit list’. New Ofsted framework – discussed change in focus and implication for schools. SPSG to review development areas in order to check we are offering relevant support. Quality of teaching, middle management and safeguarding are common themes. Considered how the new framework suggestion of regional schools Commissioner offering support to schools requiring improvement with intensive support being offered to those receiving two ‘requires improvement’ inspections and how that works with our current offer/ model of support. As regional schools Commissioner holds a place on the education board and school support sub group, it was decided that this could be addressed through mutual agreement as part of the board. Focus on pupils in alternative education – safeguarding responsibility /clarity about the contact and monitoring.	Action
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<p>IDSR – (removal of floor targets and coasting schools)</p> <p>AC advised Regional Commissioners office will be approaching coasting schools direct.</p> <p>SPSG to agree plan of strategy working within the new rules and requirements –</p> <p>Co-ordinated approach with Commissioners Office – it was agreed AC will draft a letter on SPSG behalf advising of our desire to work together with RCO to achieve positive outcomes for Schools, document sharing and representation at meetings.</p>	
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6. ANNUAL EDUCATION REPORT

<p>Document circulated – will be presented at Cabinet on 12th March</p> <p>Discussion took place – SPSG group agreed the document is easy to understand in a relevant engaging form.</p> <p>SPSG approved.</p>	
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7. School Performance Matters

Update from Amanda Champ

<p>The Group has been advised there has been an appointment to the Head of School Performance and Provision position – Amanda Champ will take on the role substantively. Congratulations from SPSG</p> <p>Cecil Jones academisation – delayed. Loxford Trust undertaking due diligence prior to taking over. SPSG remain committed to ensuring improvement work. AC announced that Cecil Jones will be part of bigger secondary school project for the three vulnerable secondary schools – Chase, Southchurch and Cecil Jones.</p> <p>Primary annual visit -AC gave update on delivery of Annual Visit and subsequent support offer. Issues discussed around changing the format. AC would like this to take place in the summer term so that support is ready for the Autumn. SPSG agreed. SPSG agreed to form a working party to consider changes to the school improvement strategy which would include the delivery and purpose of annual visit.</p> <p>Special schools annual visits – changes to the strategy made this year to reflect a more inclusive offer. Summary document circulated. Brief outline of the primary report – not complete yet – SECAT schools not come back yet . MS to check with Ruth today. Couple of schools still not engaging Julie Hollingsworth undertook the visits, all schools engaged – looking to outsource visits in the future.</p> <p>Secondary schools visits –Three secondary schools engaging including one the most vulnerable schools. SPSG discussed concerns with regard to the most vulnerable schoolAC informed the group that the local authority had raised the matter with Sue Baldwin and regional Commissioners office</p>	
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<p>.</p> <p>Discussion took place about strategic plan / performance strategy review and issues around the annual visits. It was agreed that AC will attend SOPHA meeting on 1st of May to provide the contents of the offer.</p> <p>AC advised the strategy and the offer is being currently re-written – possibility of consultation. Proposal to have two strategies, programme for all schools</p> <p>Discussion took place about the offer AC rewriting the offer and strategy – AC requested working group to consult on document. SPSG agreed – JK to set up meeting in April.</p>	
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8. School to schools

<p>AC advised of available funding for the school to school support in line with Southend 2050 vision.</p> <p>SPSG was advised an outcome based commissioning proposal has been written looking at specific outcomes that have been identified. AC will share the document at the next meeting.</p> <p>In addition, AC announced that £100,000 had been approved by Cabinet to support the development of the three vulnerable secondary schools. The local authority will be seeking match funding from the DFE to support the schools and the school improvement journey.</p>	
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9. SPSG annual Plan

<p>SPSG Annual plan – discussion took place. JK to send round terms of reference to the group and SPSG to think of standing items/ items for discussions to contribute to the annual plan.</p> <p>SPSG annual plan item on the next meeting agenda.</p>	
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<p>DW – note that Tim Barrett retires at the end of this term – New member to be appointed.</p> <p>MS advised Education Board is reviewing the membership of the group, representation and formal request to consider. MS to report to EdBoard.</p> <p>DW - Expression of interest – autistic resource base –. MS advised there has been quite a good interest – significant amount of money is available in funding BM will follow up directly with Darren and other parties who expressed interest. AC to mention to Gary – and ask for it to be brought up at the VLSG</p>	
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10. Next Meeting

Minute:

CHAIR _____ **DATE** _____