

Minutes of the Whole School SEND (WSS) Programme Board

11th March 2020

Attendees

nasen/Whole School SEND:

Chair – Malcolm Reeve (MR)
nasen CEO – Adam Boddison (AB)
National Director of WSS - Anne Heavey (AH)
nasen Trustee – Trevor Daniels (TD)
WSS Senior Contract Manager – Harriet Hannan (HHa)
WSS Training Events and Communications Manager – Natalie Reid (NR)
WSS Project Manager – Pernille Petersen (PP)
WSS Programme Assistant – Francesca Wakefield (FW)
Department for Education – Helen Honour (HHo)
Department for Education – Rachael Leah (RLe)

WSS Consortium Partners:

Claire Dorer (CD) NASS CEO
Mark Turner (MT) Real Group Managing Director
Philip Garner (PG) Talent 4 Transition Principal Consultant

WSS Community of Practice Members:

Mark Oldman (MOI) Director of Inclusion and SEND, The Mead Educational Trust
Matthew Orr (MOr) Associate Assistant Principal, Minsthorpe Community College

Parental representation:

Ros Luff (RLu) NNPCF
Heather Tarbuck (HT) Contact

Also in attendance:

Karen Wespieser (KW) Driver Youth Trust
Amelie Thompson (AT) WSS Regional SEND Leader

Apologies received from:

Katie Causon (KC) SENCO, Montgomery and Percy Shurmer Primary Academies, Birmingham
Simon Knight (SK), WSS National SEND Leader

1. Welcome and apologies (MR)

The Chair welcomed Board members. There were two apologies received.

2. CPD Events Update (NR)

NR presented an update on the CPD events delivered through strand 1c.3

3. Update from WSS Regional SEND Leader

AT introduced herself as the Regional SEND Lead (RSL) for SESLON and gave an overview of regional activity

4. Update from Karen Wespieser on WSS Evaluation

KW presented an overview of the evaluation of the contract undertaken by DYT.

5. Lunch

6. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

The Chair asked Board members for comments on the previous minutes. No amendments were made.
The Chair reported on the actions from the previous meeting.

7. Update against Q4 KPIs (AH)

AH reported on one of the main KPIs 'To reach 10,000 schools over 2 years': The Community of Practice currently numbers 10628.

AH presented the following highlights:

- Work is on track to meet all KPIs and some strands have already exceeded KPIs
- **2c.1.ii: Training by Real Group**
- **1c.3: CPD events**
- **2a.4: pdnet strands**
- **2b.7: SEND Reviewer training**

AH presented the following exceptions:

- **4b.7.iii Subject-specific resources**
- **4b.7.iv AP case studies**

The Chair stated that the purpose of the Board has been to ensure KPIs are met and this has been successful. AH agreed that the Board has been successful in their governance function.

8. Plans for 2020/2021

HHo and RLe re-joined the meeting.

AH suggested the following priorities for future work:

- A relocation of focus onto the SEND Support level
- Development of a core regional offer
- Significant expansion of Local Authority support that will combine RSL and Consortium partner support to respond to emerging needs

9. Governance of contract moving forward

AH provided ideas of a possible future governance structure:

- Governance of financial performance and KPI delivery are performed by the same body
- A steering group to interrogate impact
- Continuation of a Senior Leadership Team
- Continuation of regular meetings with the Department for Education

10. AOB

The Chair thanked the Board for their contributions and participation with the contract.

The meeting was disbanded.