

NASSEA
Full Meeting



<p>28 September 2011 at Friends Meeting House, Manchester</p>	
<p>Present: Annette Nelson, Chair Joe Flynn, Officer Sandra Nield, Tameside Anna Aleksic, Halton Jenny Patterson, Manchester Stephanie Longson, Stockport Melanie Griffin, Bury</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Apologies</p> <p>Liz Haslam, Tameside Khalid Irshad, Stockport Steven Hall, Oldham Misbah Rana, Oldham Su Robinson, Rochdale Nerissa Lea, Knowsley David Butterfield, Bolton</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Apologies</p> <p>Yvonne Gibson, individual Dave Packham , individual Barbara Pickford, Cheshire West Janna Welsby, Warrington Avril McCarthy, Wirral Mary Sculthorpe, Doncaster Peter Bacon, Doncaster</p>

Annette welcomed everyone to the meeting, and apologies were given from those unable to attend.

Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes were agreed as correct.

Sandra Nield updated the meeting on the EAL Hub. 6 people are now trained up, and a further 6 are soon to be trained on a further course. Anyone can create a course, please speak to Khalid Irshad, if you have materials.

If you are not trained, you can still send in materials, and they will be vetted and, if suitable, uploaded to the site. There is no password needed now, as it was felt it was too cumbersome to access. Copyright will remain with the author of the course, and not with the institution. Sandra made the point that

it was much easier to upload word documents than a Powerpoint, so asked for consideration on that issue.

ACTION:

Jenny Patterson has some materials to upload. She will send them on a disc to Carol, as they are for the NASSEA website.

Finance

Melanie Griffin reported that the finances are looking good. Joe brought a letter from Appiah & Associates asking if NASSEA would like them to represent us for tax purposes. A tax return is due by the end of October.

Discussion took place over the situation where members are now being taken from local authority control and placed into commercial provision. It was decided that if this happens to current members, they should then become individual members.

ACTION

MG will look into situation for tax return.

Consultancy Update

It was reported that brochures have now been sent to all schools in the North West. The associates list now has about 25-30 professionals in it. Bury reported that our Chinese Bilingual Support Worker now has work, delivering Mandarin classes after school.

It is expected that once the new financial year kicks in, the work will start to come in.

A School Partnership and Partnership Plus system is now envisaged, so that schools can now become part of NASSEA, and a flyer has been sent out to all schools in Greater Manchester. An initial offer of £50 and £80 is valid until the end of October. Members are asked to push this in their schools. MG explained how it will work. She has 3 network focuses planned and interest is increasing in Bury. She also proposed that funding could be sought for these from the Education Endowment Fund.

Indemnity insurance was discussed for associates and officers.

ACTION

MG to speak to the bank about indemnity insurance.

ACTION Ameer Abassi is to create some posters and distribute them. Ameer to check with associates about their own indemnity insurance.

AUDIT OF NASSEA ACTIVITY

The audit is a way of making sure that NASSEA events do not clash, especially when there are now EMA Hub events. The NW EMA Hub event clashes with the support staff conference. It was suggested that we should map what is available in the region.

ACTION

Steph to ask Khalid if it is possible to move the EMA event.

We now have an EMA in Your Area button on the website, and we are hoping to expand the list from just Greater Manchester to include others from the North West. Members are currently being requested to send us a link if they would like to be included.

Bilingualism in Education

MG reported that this year the target was for 15 pupils, but this was exceeded and there are now 20 new students. There are 12-13 from North West, a few from Birmingham, and we have also taken some overseas students. The tutors' remuneration will increase because of this. Birmingham gives NASSEA a reduced rate and NASSEA is also investing some money to subsidise student fee, as Birmingham University are under pressure to close down this programme. There is a need to develop web based learning for the overseas students, and those who are unable to travel, and MG's thesis will focus on this.

The meeting congratulated and thanked Melanie for her hard work in this area.

Conference/Focus Group Update

The report on the International New Arrivals conference was distributed by Jenny Patterson, and she also outlined plans for the future. There is now a rotating Chair for this group.

It was suggested that future conferences should target individuals as well as schools, as personal touch seemed more successful. A decision was taken to now take attendees' personal emails, when they attend network meetings, and conferences, and contact them personally.

ACTION

**Ameer to buy pens with NASSEA logo and name on and make cards for attendees to sign at the next EMA Hub meeting on 11 November 2011.
Jenny Patterson to send Carol any emails she has collected over the last INA conferences.**

Community Cohesion Focus Group

It was agreed to rename this group the School Linking Network Focus Group, as it was a more appropriate title.

EMA NW Hub

Steph Longson distributed a flyer for Developing Talk for Bilingual Learners. This is now on the NASSEA website. Members are asked to publicise this.

Bilingualism in Education Conference

A conference for Bilingualism in Education is now at the planning stage for December this year.

Website

The website is expanding and being updated all the time. MG plans to review it fully in April.

Members asked if the website could be made less boring. Suggested that we make the News and Events button more exciting. More images were requested.

ACTION

Haroon Asghar to investigate this and also how Facebook and Twitter could work with NASSEA website.

National Teaching Schools

There is now a link on the website to this list, which was signposted by Dave Packham. AN reported that Trafford Council had a briefing recently, as 3 Trafford schools appear on the list.

There is still some confusion over this new initiative and how it will operate and its links to By Schools 4 Schools. It is heavily supported by the government.

There have been misgivings about teacher training development, and to date there isn't a lot of information about it.

Annette produced a list of schools published by the Sutton Trust, that qualify to bid for the Education Endowment Fund.

MG explained how the Educational Endowment Funding bidding worked, and hoped to gain funding for School Partnership area of NASSEA. The factors involved include FSM and attainment. Bidding involves meeting a board, and Ameer has already investigated and has information available for officers to work with.

ACTION

Ameer to attend briefing on EEF and report back to NASSEA

National College Website.

MG reported that she can no longer access all areas of the website, and it seems to now be involved rather more in strategy than delivery.

Consultation on School Funding Reform

AN urged members to read the above, as there are some worrying issues. BME groups are no longer considered as an issue for funding. Local authorities will no longer need to collect ethnicity data.

With regard to EMA, the funding will either go direct to schools and academies, or the local authority must produce a formula and each school will receive their share.

With regard to the Direct Schools Grant LAC, deprivation and SEN are now the focus. Members need to inform Headteachers and Consultant and respond to

the consultation. The deadline for the response is 21 October, and for Early Years 30 October.

MG mentioned that she usually compares results and cross references with regard to FSM and APKN. There is very little difference between children who are APKN and receive FSM and the pupils who are APKN and do not receive FSM. This then defies the government's logic with regard to EAL.

Member Update

Due to time constraints this was left to the next meeting.

AOB

Joe Flynn reported that Manchester is now opening up its China Link programme to other authorities. If any of your schools are interested, please contact Joe.

MG reported that Bury has now finished with China Link because of China's record on human rights, but the schools are continuing with it anyway.

Steph Longson mentioned the EMA NW Hub and training for that. The next training will take place over 1.5 days, the first day is 7 October and the next half day is 21st November. There is only one place left and if anyone would like it, please contact Carole Gamble on 0161 477 9000.

MG mentioned the Meeting the Needs Course in Bury in partnership with Edge Hill for Foundation Degree and a Masters. There are now 2 cohorts running, and we will be taking on a third cohort next Summer term. However, the generic modules are starting in January 2012 at Holy Cross College, Bury.

The costs are £330 for fees to Bury's training department plus the university charge.

AN reminded the meeting that there is a conference on Recruitment and Retention of BME staff on Friday. This is free of charge and is for half a day.

Meeting finished at 4.00 p.m.