



A brighter future for Nottingham children

Education Improvement Board

Minutes of the Meeting of the Education Improvement Board of 20th March 2019.

Present:

Sir David Greenaway (DG)	University of Nottingham
John Dexter (JDx)	Nottingham City Council (Education)
John Dyson (JDy)	Raleigh Trust
Chris Hall (CH)	University of Nottingham
Sian Hampton (SH)	Archway Trust
Nick Lee (NL) (Alison Michalska)	Nottingham City Council (Education)
Matt Varley (MV) (Jane Moore)	Nottingham Trent University
Cllr Jon Collins (JC)	Leader Nottingham City Council
Liz Anderson (LA)	Djanogly Learning Trust
Tom Dick (TD)	Nottingham College
*Rav Kalsi (RK)	Nottingham City Council (Executive Support)
*Jonny Kirk (JK)	Nottingham City Council (Admissions)
*Lucy Jubby (LJ)	Nottingham City Council (Admissions)
(*Invited guests)	

Apologies:

Rebecca Meredith	Transform Trust
Cllr Neghat Khan	Portfolio holder Nottingham City Council
Kevin Fear	Nottingham High School
Matt Lawrence	Teaching School Alliance LEAD
Wayne Norrie	Greenwood Dale Academies Trust
Pat Fielding	Nottingham Schools Trust
Andy Burns	Redhill Academy Trust

Sir David thanked Cllr Jon Collins for his contribution to the Board before he steps down as leader of Nottingham City Council.

1) The minutes of the last meeting of 21st November were accepted as a correct record.

- Sir David (DG) apologizes the minutes were delayed as had to be careful as Amanda Spielman attended and it's a public document

2) Business Documents:

- Budget - John Dexter (JDx) confirms that math's support, Thistley Hough and science support is due to end this summer unless the board asks for them to continue. The EIB has contributed to numerous projects such as the Unlock Programme, Ambitious Literacy Campaign and Active Tutoring. The projects are commissioned via speaking to the relevant heads and getting a sense of what might help.
- Primary, Secondary, Special & Deputy Heads Update – JDx confirms he met with the different groups and had some very interesting discussions. Chief Constable, Craig Guildford attended the secondary heads meeting and there were various discussions i.e. knife crime.
- EIB Progression Group met for the first time and includes members from the College, University, Futures and NCC colleagues. Introduction discussing post 16 options as well as a possibility of a 'what next' event.

- EIB Vulnerable Children’s Group – Group didn’t meet in March but JDy gave a short overview. JDy reveals that there is a strain on the education budget and that their biggest worry is that they are already over in their numbers going into 19/20. He adds that re-integration leavers are low through Fair Access with very few children returning back into mainstream school as the will isn’t there to receive them back. Work experience is positive as many children secured placements including at Ferrari and HMRC.
- Projects – SH says the projects aren’t tangible or measurable. LA adds that this can be measured by data which will show what worked and what didn’t. Thistley Hough was contracted as only a science lead was selected and the idea was for them to show good practice – sister school relationship. **Action: go back to the schools that were supported/ involved with the projects and ask for feedback not just from the Project Lead.**
- Exclusions – CH points out that there isn’t consistent in the spread but the sources. NL talks about the inclusion model where 10 secondaries have signed up but 7 haven’t. New trusts in the city have got high rate of exclusions. Discussion on whether schools should be accountable as its public money. TD says that colleges have been challenged so schools should also be challenged. LA says that where schools take reintegration’s/ managed moves they don’t get recognized. SH asks that with a new head / academy what we can do to retain a low level of exclusions as this is a national issue – attended a course ‘Ethical Leadership Programme’. Board are in agreement to have a bigger discussion in the next meeting. **Action: Sir David to follow up with Chief Constable and to write to John Edmonds. JDx to invite board members to the event on the 20th May ‘Inclusion with Schools’.**

3) School Place Planning & Admissions

NL explains that over the last 10 years there’s been a huge influx of children. For this September, parents gaining their 1st or 2nd preference has gone down from 92% to 86% and even with the additional places there will still be a shortfall next year. For schools that desire to expand there is some funding available.

The North/ West are more challenging areas of the city. It is speculated that there will be a peak demand in 2022. However our out of city influx will slow down as County schools are also full. This is beneficial as children who go to County schools are usually higher achieving so we would want to retain them.

Many children live in an area where they have an undesignated catchment school. This policy changed as being in a catchment removed parental choice. However SH says that with her schools if you live nearby you are accepted, over half the places come from local students. This can be changed by going to the local adjudicator and they can overturn a MAT.

- CH points out that admissions is a key issue for the board. It is suggested that it is vital in what we’re trying to achieve both in the general and strategic point.
- It is advised to speak to the CEO’s and not the HT
- MV suggest for secondaries to link with primaries

Action: NL to put together a School Place Planning & Catchment group

4) Recruitment & Retention:

JDx presented on Recruitment and ask the board whether this is something the board would like to look at? CH states that the before we did look at recruitment i.e. by going to fares however we stopped as we couldn’t make a difference. Hence she suggests we now look at retention.

- TD says that within the college there is a market for certain areas of expertise i.e. surveyor
- JC states that some analysis work needs to be completed in order to understand where the gaps are
- MV states that NTU are working with special schools
- CH adds that bursary’s are encouraging potential recruits

5) Update on Youth Violence Initiatives:

JDx proposes about putting together a 'risk register' for youngsters at risk.

6) Future of the Board:

Sir David recognizes that as a board we provide value and we are evolving. We are reaching our goal of Ambition 2025 and there is a possibility to go to the Dfe to ask for match funding. There is an opportunity here for the universities to get more involved as well as to work closely with Derby. **Action: Sir David to provide an update at the next meeting.**

7) AOB:

There was no other business. Sir David thanked members of the board for their attendance.

Reminder date for the next meeting - **10th July 2019** from 10-12pm.