



Minutes of the Association Committee held on 22nd April 2015 at Long Road Sixth Form Centre, Long Road, Cambridge.

Present: Jon Duveen, Lesley Jackson, Phillippe Harari, David Seagrave, Paula Champion, Fleur Patten, Martin Field, Brian Chadwick, Louise Crook,

1. Apologies: Tom Woodcock, Matt Kelly, Amy Crane

2. Minutes: the minutes of the meeting held on 25th March were read and signed by the Chair as Martin Field as a true record.

3. Matters arising:

Emphasis of the important of training of reps and promoting it with the primary reps in particular. Need to contact all reps to ensure they know about it and that the foundation and advances courses are in Cambridgeshire in June and July.

BC objects to there being no health and safety content in the reps courses.

4. Baseline Assessment campaign – next steps for this half term

PC - Stalls in town and petitioned people going into Michael Rosen's event. Created a lot of awareness, especially with parents. A sizeable amount of parents are opposed to the testing. Parents from the Grove and Mayfield have taken petitions away with them. Stall to be held on the bank holiday weekend, Saturday 2nd May. Having a stall on the Wild Event on Jesus Green. Event at Hamilton House as well.

Need to write to all headteachers in Cambridgeshire via Hamilton House alerting them to the issues of Baseline Assessment.

LC – spoke to headteacher in Huntingdon and they said that they were going to go ahead with the tests. Wisbech school also being pressured to take part in the tests. Heads want to show progress via the tests and they have to adopt because they are worried about Ofsted.

JD – could invite all members of primary/nursery schools to meetings in local areas and talk to them about the baseline assessments and build confidence to enable them to boycott the tests next year.

MF – have an early meeting to generate interest and discussion regarding this matter. Wednesday 29th April at 5.30pm.

Budget as proposed by Paula approved by the committee.

5. NUT conference assessment

PH – would like 50 – 100 words from delegates about their experiences about the conference.

JD – the necessity of preparing members for action. There is a mood for action – for example, boycotting baseline assessment. Workload, we need to build awareness and action in schools to address this issue. Can use the Ofsted clarification for schools document to guide members and we can use that and say no to unnecessary workload demands, especially with regards to grading of lessons, which some schools are persisting in doing. Asbestos – policy agreed to protect members and combine this with getting more health and safety reps in schools. BC to lead on this.

6. School actions – Abbey College; Ely College; others

MF – went to Abbey College joint union meeting (NASUWT and NUT) – discussion regarding reorganization and mock Ofsted. They voted to refuse to take part in the mock Ofsted. Issues with detentions – new head has decided that there will be rota and staff have refused.

FP – Fifth week of action and resisted a mock Ofsted. Also too many learning walks and observations – used green poster to indicate that they were not taking part in Mocksted.

Continued action with new Head and deputies – 3 week negotiations.

JD – issues at Ernulf and March primary schools as well regarding redundancies.

7. Next Association Meetings – dates, where to meet and organization of the meetings

3rd June – Association meeting in Ramsey (Abbey College) or Ely College. Main topics to be officers elections – as well as an additional topic, to be decided.

8. Correspondence:

9. Reports:

- a. Secretary: No other reports.
- b. Treasurer:
- c. Other:

10. AOB: there being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.20pm.