



CAMBRIDGESHIRE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Association Committee held on 8th June 2016 at Long Road Sixth Form Centre, Long Road, Cambridge.

Present: Jon Duveen, Lesley Jackson, Kristian Jones, Louise Crook, Matt Kelly, Paula Champion, Rachel Evans, Martin Fields. Phil Yeeles

Agenda:

1. **Apologies** – Brian Chadwick, Fleur Patten, Philippe Harari, John Cattermole, Tom Woodcock,
2. **Minutes** – The minutes of the meeting 18th May 2016 were read and signed by Matt Kelly as a true record.
 - a. The heads are meeting again on the 21st and have invited Jon Duveen.
 - b. Diocese (DMAT) we are unsure whether the process of acadamisation has begun.
 - c. Not underachieving academy, Cambs is an underachieving area.
 - d. Health and Safety training, JD and BC to discuss dates next term.

3. Matters arising –

4. White Paper Campaign and ballot

JD - We need more phone bank volunteers from Cambs. Send a text message to all members to remind them to vote in ballot.

UCU - in dispute over pay and conditions and have already had two strike days in May. Expected to be an assessment boycott in Autumn term. They would like to join us when we have our possible action in early July.

JD - GMB have voted to support action due to large support staff cuts. Unison will possibly follow. Encourage schools to have a picket outside schools. Then meeting on Parker's Piece approx. 11am - speakers and then march around Cambs centre and back to Parker's Piece. Sixth form colleges have not been balloted for action on this particular dispute.

LKJ - to arrange logistics - eg - bouncy castle and PA system.

5. All Together for Schools and Education Campaign and meeting.

JD - 20th June is a public meeting - parent campaigner and a head teacher. We support this but not driving force.

PC - create a mailing to all the reps.

6. Early Years issues – Children's Centre and Nursery cuts.

PC - Early years advisory committee in London 8th June - funding for nursery schools which will soon be extinct if not addressed. Also, nursery schools are possibly being taken out of the local authority funding and put into another 'Early Years' category. Discussion about Baseline Assessment - govt. possibly planning another round of tests. Need to keep this campaign alight and link to anit-SATs campaign.

JD - Link to Facebook. Early years teachers to meet with Daniel Zeichner, MP for Cambridge, and what role he can take both in and out of Parliament.

7. Meeting dates for committee and Association.

As the ballot will close approximately 20th June and the result is unlikely on the 22nd June - therefore 22nd June shall be a committee meeting in Huntingdon, 29th an association meeting at Holiday Inn in Cambridge and a possible committee meeting on the 13th July.

8. Relationship with ATL

JD - is due to have meeting with Alex Thompson but this hasn't happened yet.

9. Training Issues

10. Correspondence

11. Reports

- a. Secretary - Lots of case work going on.
- b. Treasurer - We have about £29k. LC - School's Out campaign have requested £50+ donation.
- c. Any other reports – see attached reports

12. AOB

PC - Meeting last night regarding refugees in Calais - arranging vehicles and food stuffs via a convoy. This is a Stand up to Racism issue.

RE - Primary Assessment - meeting - to build a campaign against this.

JD - Anti-fracking movement in north of England. Campaign against Climate Change have asked that these childrens' days are not allowed to be done around children.

MF - Attack on TAs in schools a lot of TAs are having to apply for their own jobs - GMB and Unison to be contacted regarding this and see if they will work with us on 5th July.

March festival - Trades' Council will have a stall.