



Cambridgeshire

Minutes of the Association Committee held on 6th June 2018 at CCATS, Cambridge.

Present: Jon Duveen, Philippe Harari (minutes), Phil Yeeles (Chair), Kris Jones, Martin Field, Paula Champion, Ben Dobson, Mandy Robinson, Louise Crook

1. **Apologies:** Lesley Jackson, Richard Rose, Brian Chadwick,
2. **Minutes:** the minutes of the meeting on 16th May 2018 and were read and signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.
3. **Matters arising:** Jon did not ask reps about the funding situation in their schools, but will do so.
4. **Priority Campaigns:**
 - a. Funding – including Children’s Centres campaign: Paula reported that, now that The Fields funding issue is resolved for this year, the plan is to go into nursery schools and recruit members; there have already been a few cases where the Union successfully fought off staff reductions but the funding situation means that this we do have a fight on our hands.
 - b. Workload – Jon reported that he still has not been able to set up a meeting with Heads over the workload charter, but is hoping that this will happen before the end of term.
 - c. Primary Assessment – will try to hold a meeting in the Autumn term
 - d. Pay – it looks as if the NEU will ask for a 5% rise in schools and SFCs and this will mean a major campaign; the meeting agreed that this was a good strategy.
5. **NEU Issues:**
 - a. Meeting 11th June with ATL – 5.30pm at CRC. This is an informal meeting but it would be good to have as many Cambs NEU Committee people there as possible. Jon has been asked to draw up a draft agenda. The meeting agreed the importance of letting our members know what is happening locally regarding the amalgamation as soon as possible. **Action: Jon will circulate points of consensus and disagreement from this meeting and Philippe to draft report for members.** As the 2019 AGM is likely to be much later in the year than usual, we will need to pass a resolution extending officer tenures until then, and decide what to do about honoraria.
 - b. Executive elections: there are two national elections coming up with three candidates for each. Jon will submit a motion to the next Association meeting about who we want to support. Also, nominations for Executive members of the NEU are due by 28th September.
6. **Campaign against academies:** an increasing number of primary schools are seeking academy status, driven by funding issues, perceived lack of support from LA and forced academisation. There have been a number of successful campaigns in Cambridgeshire primary schools opposing academisation and there does seem to be increasing scepticism amongst teachers and parents

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about the programme. Agreed to work more closely with Rachel on future campaigns, and start with St Lukes; we need a toolkit to fight potential academisation in specific schools as soon as we hear about it.

7. Future Meetings:

Association Meeting 13th June – Holiday Inn has been booked but we have not yet got a speaker to talk about the Labour proposal to create a National Education Service. **Action: Jon to ask Daniel Zeichner for the 27th June.**

Committee Meeting 4th July – if needed.

Association meetings 19th September, 14th November.

Committee meetings 12th Sep, 10th Oct, 31st Oct, 28th Nov.

8. Correspondence: none

9. Reports:

a. Secretary – Jon will circulate a document from the authority about teacher apprenticeships

b. Treasurer – none

c. Other reports – none

10. AOB:

- Louise reminded the meeting that we were going to discuss the Mental Health Advisor but it got left off the agenda. **Agreed to discuss next meeting.** Louise has also started planning for the Challenging Sexism on November 3rd and has received a quote from The Tambourlaine Hotel which is about the same as the grant available from HQ (£1500).
- Agreed to draft message to members reporting on the CREDS situation; Philippe will discuss with Louise and draft something.

ACTION POINTS

Ask Reps about the funding situation in our schools	Jon
Action: Jon will circulate points of consensus and disagreement from this meeting and Philippe to draft report for members.	Jon, Philippe
Motion about up-coming National Officer elections for next Association meeting	Jon
Contact Rachel re. anti-academy campaign	Jon
Prepare draft strategy on how to oppose academisation	Jon
Jon to ask Daniel Zeichner for a meeting on 4 th July	Jon
Add Mental Health Advisor to next Committee agenda	Jon
Message to members about CREDS	Louise, Philippe