



The Taunton Learning Partnership

Minutes of a Special Steering Group Meeting held on Thursday 10th March 2011 at Trull Primary School from 10:00am to 12noon.

Present: Eddie Gregory (Chair), Mike Amos, Barbara Berks, Alan Boxer, Nigel Bright, Peter Hanratty, Moira Hope, Helen Millard, Maggie Reader

Apologies: Nicki Bradford, Andrew Hinchcliff, Steve Summerill

1. Welcome:

EG thanked members for attending this special meeting to discuss the feedback from the recent Compact meetings and to agree the agenda for the Day Conference on 17th March 2011. He also advised members that at a recent Diocesan meeting schools were advised that the DfE proposes to introduce legislation for all schools to adopt academy status and the LAs to be significantly reduced.

2. Key Issues for TLP Meeting on 17th March 2011:

- a. To promote and highlight the strengths of the TLP and ensure that members, especially newly appointed Headteachers are aware of the benefits of membership.
- b. To clarify relationships between primary schools, secondary schools and academies.
- c. To identify what services Members require from the TLP and consider what structure should be introduced to ensure it is more responsive to issues outside of the TLP, eg buying into services from secondary schools.
- d. Consider the cost of the TLP and how much schools are prepared to contribute financially.
- e. Draft Agenda to include:
 - 8:30 am - coffee and breakfast butties
 - 9:00 am - Meeting to start
 - 9:00 - 10:30 am - Role and strengths of the TLP (EG/PH/NB)
 - 10:30 am - coffee followed by group discussion to clarify protocols for TLP
 - 11:00 am - Business items
 - 12:00 noon - Lunch
 - 12:45 pm - Childrens' University / IDN / Resources for Learning / Skills for Life / STC.

3. Conclusion and Way Forward:

In summing up EG stated that at the meeting on 17th March all Steering Group Members would need to steer TLP members to achieve clarity on their needs and agree the TLP protocols required before the introduction of the Compact.

4. Actions agreed from this meeting:

- EG/NB/PH to prepare notes and present at the meeting on 17th March.
- MH to prepare groups for discussion (MR to send attendance list to MH).
- Working Group Action Plans to be updated.
- AB to prepare Newsletter to promote TLP.