



Minutes

Inclusion Group: 10 December 2018 8am-9.30am, Valentine Primary School

Present:

Liz Filer
Jane Smith
Jo Egerton
Jackie Hurden
Damian Pratt
Amanda Welch
Becky Dinnage
Katherine Smith
Elaine Spencer
Ian Howie

Apologies:

Billy Davis
Becky Dinnage
Bryony Marshall

1. Welcome:

Liz Filer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of last meeting:

Agreed.

3. Conference:

- **Jane Smith** to email re press release etc.
- Press release to be written by **Damian and Jackie** which will be shown to Chris Packham to approve. **Jane** will send the press release to Keith Watson.
- 300 places booked so far from 47 establishments (ranging from preschool to university). There are visitors from IOW as well. At £195 per establishment, this totals £9165. Chris Packham will be charging £2400 as fees. Catering costs £9 per head at a total cost of £2250. EP service is charging £1000. Miscellaneous expenditure (coffees, etc) £500. Plus Jane Smith consultation fee.

PTSA Update on finances

- ***Income = £9,165***
 - *47 establishments x £195*
- ***Expenditure = £8,159.79 (est - TBC upon receipt of final bookings and invoices)***
 - *Lunch = £2,250*
 - *Refreshments = £109.79*
 - *Chris' fee = £2,400*
 - *EP fee = £1,000*
 - *Jane fee = estimated*
- ***Profit = £1005.21 (est - TBC upon receipt of final bookings and invoices)***



- Many secondary schools are booked on. **Amanda** to contact Cantell, **Liz** to contact Newlands, Woolston and Fairisle to gauge their interest as they have not booked places as yet.
- Representatives from Southampton Council – Liz believes Tammy Marks and Darren Paffey will attend. There has been no word from Derek Wiles.
- Timetable was checked and seemed to be correct. Many workshops are full although some have very few takers (One Family's story).
- Graham Wilson from Bitterne Park has requested guidance on his key note speech. It was decided that Graham's vision of inclusion would be a good topic.
- **Liz** to contact Angie Barrett re autism pathway workshop.
- Roles on the day: There is a new IT chap at Compass who will need some time in Testlands. Chairs need to be taken from Compass over to Testlands to seat everyone. **Liz and Amanda** to meet and greet keynote speakers. **Ian Howie**: stalls. Parking: **Damian** and Compass staff. **Liz** to create thought bubbles and **Alison**. **Liz/Damian/Jackie**: to sort frames for jigsaws. Front desk: **Jo, Jackie** and Compass staff. Committee to arrive about 7.30. School will be open at 7.00am. **Jane**/Compass to organise evaluation forms. Puzzles: Chris to sign with black Sharpie (**Jane**). **Jane** to email sizes of puzzles so frames can be purchased. Puzzles during the day: **Ian Howie** and **Elaine Spencer** to coordinate. **Facilitators** to remind in groups that puzzle pieces need to be done.

4. **Compass consultation:**

During the meeting, Katherine Smith from Compass reported that Alison Parsons had attended a meeting on 23rd November with Tammy Marks and Derek Wiles. She was told that a public consultation had been opened to discuss a reduction in the PAN at Compass. There had been no prior warning of this to Alison or the Governors of Compass School. The consultation ends on 3.1.19. Compass staff have asked that all respond to the consultation both as a body (PTSA Inclusion Group) and individually.

Numbers at Compass have traditionally been around 140 children for the last five years but will now be capped at 100. If they go over PAN because of permanent exclusions, those children will have to be taught by a supply teacher.

It was felt by those present at the meeting that the body of experienced and skilled staff at Compass might be lost and that half of the staff will need to find alternative employment by September 2019.

The general premise for this consultation is that children attending Compass should be housed in mainstream. The LA oversee the duties of the governing body and therefore can overrule any decisions made by the governing body. Head of school effectiveness suggests that the school will be able to offer outreach. Liz Filer stated that it is already difficult to decide who to give places at Compass to and this will now only get harder.

It was noted that the timing of the consultation and announcement was unfortunate since it goes over the Christmas holidays. It was hoped that committee members would bear this in mind and encourage colleagues to respond urgently.

The message sent back from the committee was 100% support for the staff at Compass.

Next meeting: Tuesday 5th February, 8.00 – 9.30, Valentine Primary School

Conference date: Friday 11th January from 7.30 am.