

# CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING

13 June 2012

Highlands 1 and 2, Education Scotland  
The Optima, 58 Robertson Street, Glasgow

## NOTE OF MEETING

### LIST OF BOARD MEMBERS AND ATTENDEES

#### Board Members

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Janet Brown	SQA
John Edwards	SCIS
Tony Finn	GTCS
Larry Flanagan	EIS
Graeme Hyslop	Scotland's Colleges
Grant Jarvie	Universities Scotland
Alan Johnston	Scottish Government
Terry Lanagan	ADES
Irene Matier	AHDS
Bill Maxwell	Education Scotland
Joanna Murphy	National Parent Forum Scotland
Ken Muir	Education Scotland
Christine Pollock	ADES
Duncan Simpson	Community Learning and Development Network
Sarah Smith	Scottish Government (Chair)
Ronnie Summers	SLS

#### Minister for Learning, Science and Scotland's Languages

Dr Alastair Allan MSP (attended part of the meeting)

#### Officials

Alan Armstrong	Education Scotland
Denise Brock	Education Scotland (for item 4.2)
Sandra Campbell	Scottish Government (Programme Management)
Lindsay Liddle	Scottish Government (Secretariat)
Gill Robinson	Education Scotland

#### Others

Mike Corbett NASUWT (deputising for Jane Peckham)

#### Apologies

David McMurty	ITE
Jane Peckham	NASUWT

## **1. Welcome**

Sarah Smith (SS) welcomed Dr Allan and Members and introductions were made round the table. Mike Corbett (MC) was attending on behalf of Jane Peckham (NASUWT).

## **2. Minister for Learning, Science and Scotland's Languages**

Dr Allan said that he visited schools regularly and was encouraged by the enthusiasm and efforts being made by teachers to ensure the benefits of CfE are realised. He reiterated his commitment to support delivery of the programme and asked members whether there were areas where efforts should be focused to support successful delivery.

Dr Allan highlighted the support available to schools through Education Scotland and the opportunity for teachers to raise issues directly with Scottish Government.

Mike Corbett (MC) circulated the executive summary of a recent survey of NASUWT members.

## **3. Implementation report**

SS invited Bill Maxwell (BM) to introduce the report from the Implementation Group (Paper 4.1). The paper sets out progress against the Programme Plan and work on risk management and attaches the findings of the audit of progress.

BM invited KM to speak to the audit paper. Education Scotland would continue to engage with local authorities to identify needs. An updated inspection advice note would be issued which would reflect the issues identified through the audit.

LF highlighted the variability across authorities in the extent to which teachers views were gathered through the audit process and the need to ensure that the teacher voice is heard. The agreement reached on the provision of course materials for National 4 and 5 was necessary to ensure that delivery of these courses was kept on track whilst allowing teachers to focus on developing S3 courses.

Christine Pollock (CP) commented on the need to consider the potential workload issues for teachers in reviewing nationally produced course materials, ensuring that this did not undermine teachers' confidence in preparing their own materials.

LF said that there was a need to consider the support needs of the primary sector and Irene Matier (IM) suggested this could include support on profiling. BM agreed to ask the CfE Implementation Group to consider this.

SS invited Denise Brock (DB) to introduce the communications and engagement update (Paper 4.2). DB said that the overarching aim was to develop a more integrated approach to communications activities and ensure consistency of messages. Scotland's Colleges and NPFS were now represented on the Communications and Engagement Group and a proactive programme of communications and engagement with parents was underway. Further work was planned on CLD, Post-16 education, quality assurance and moderation and the S3 profile.

Grant Jarvie (GJ) said that consideration should be given to how communications and engagement activities (in particular the language of future publications) can engage and support universities in building their understanding of CfE.

#### **4. Note and actions from last meeting**

The note of the last meeting was agreed. Actions from the meeting in March had either been covered under item 3 or would be covered under items 5 and 6.

SS gave an update on school handbook legislation, the national agreement reached on Chartered Teachers, and developments in relation to GLOW.

SS welcomed KM in his new role leading on CfE implementation within Education Scotland. Graeme Hyslop was standing down from the Board and SS thanked him for his contribution. It would also be Gill Robinson and Alan Armstrong's last meeting and thanks were also given for their input.

#### **5. Senior Phase Benchmarking Project Update**

Alan Johnston (AJ) introduced Paper 5.1 which provides an update on the Senior Phase Benchmarking Project and development of the headline measures for the tool.

LF said that there was a need for a revised working title to help stakeholders understand that the project objectives are wider than the development of the tool itself. The title should not incorporate a reference to STACs.

#### **6. Establishment of a Management Board Learner Journey Sub-group**

SS introduced Paper 6.1 which sets out a proposed remit and membership for a sub-group to support universities in considering the implications of CfE and to

oversee work on a Scottish Government-led project to raise ambition and attainment in S6. This is a wider remit than that agreed by the Board at its March meeting. Members were content with this proposal but asked that the membership of the sub-group be extended to include SCQF and employer representation.

## **7. Risk Register**

Sandra Campbell (SC) tabled Paper 7.1 which sets out a proposal to differentiate risks to be managed by the CfE Implementation Group and the more strategic risks that should continue to be monitored by the Management Board. It was agreed that the circumstances and process for the Implementation Group to escalate risks to Management Board would be clarified in a revised paper which would be circulated to members for comment.

## **8. Publication of papers and date of next meeting**

Members agreed to the publication of papers from the meeting in March as follows:

- Minutes
- Paper 6.1 - Universities Scotland Task Group
- Paper 7.1 - CfE Implementation Group report
- Paper 7.2 - CfE Communications and Engagement update

The next meeting of the Board would be held in October. *(Post meeting note: this meeting is now likely to be rescheduled to week commencing 10th September.)*

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