

**Minute - National Response to Improving Mathematics Partnership Board**  
**Virtual meeting – 6 June 2022, 10:00-12:15**

**Attendees**

Hazel Bartels (Chair)	Scottish Government	Head of Curriculum Unit (Joint
John Neeson	Education Scotland	Senior Education Officer (Interim)
Tara Harper	University of Dundee	Initial Teacher Education Representative
Garry Maguire	West Partnership	RIC Representative
Robert McCallum	SWEIC	RIC Representative
Lise Mccaffery	Education Scotland	Professional Learning & Leadership
Peter Valentine	FVWL	RIC Representative
Andy Thompson	Northern Alliance	RIC Representative
Karen Haspolat	SEIC	RIC Representative
Nanette Brotherwood	Education Scotland	EO, Numeracy and Mathematics
Neil Millar	Education Scotland	SEO Expressive Arts
Sally Armstrong	Education Scotland	Secretary

**Apologies**

Ollie Bray	Education Scotland	Strategic Director (Joint chair)
Stewart Nicolson	ADES	(Joint chair)
Laura Ross	Scottish Government	Numeracy and Mathematics Lead
Pamela DiNardo	Education Scotland	Senior Regional Adviser (Interim)
Michelle Lewis	Tayside	RIC Representative

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**1. Welcome and Apologies**

1.1 The Chair (HB) welcomed attendees to the meeting and noted apologies from Ollie Bray, Stewart Nicolson, Laura Ross, Pamela Dinardo and Michelle Lewis. Michelle Lewis is joining the board as the replacement for Scott Haxton.

**2. Previous Meeting**

2.1 Minute of 14/3/22 - Slight rewording at 3.2. was approved by the Partnership Board.  
Minute of 26/4/22 – approved by Partnership Board.

2.2 The action log was reviewed. NRIM 09 was updated - A NIF officer and a SQA statistician to do a presentation post-summer on the ACEL Levels / SQA Results to give a national picture on attainment / achievement. To be brought back to board at September meeting.

**3. SLWG update & general recommendation discussion**

JN updated members on the outcome of the 3 meeting of the SLWG chairs which had recently taken place and advised that the responses were captured and collated into a strongly articulated response.

The board members participated in a reflective discussion surrounding the draft recommendations. Many of the recommendations were recurring throughout the groups and these included:

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- Professional learning
- Assessments
- Streamlining of policy and documentation
- Links to PLP
- Progression
- Pedagogical approaches
- Transition
- Self-evaluation
- National Strategy/Framework/consistent approach
- Mathematical competencies
- Coaching, mentoring and modelling

There is a requirement to determine what is important in these recommendations, who will take this forward and for a shared understanding and vision to be decided upon.

**5. RIC Presentation**

5.1 The West Partnership RIC Presentation was made by Garry Maguire. The presentation has been shared onto the MS Teams space for members to access. The WP RIC comprises of 8 Local Authorities across the West of Scotland. The initial core aim of the group was linked to the [Transforming Scotland into a Maths Positive Nation: The final report of the Making Maths Count group](#), (2016) by Maureen McKenna. Garry shared the aims of this RIC and highlighted some of the successes of the group which included a conference and 20 LA workshops. The analysis from the Mathematics and Numeracy Conferences of recent years was also shared and discussed. Garry ended the presentation by updating members on next steps.

This informative presentation was well received by members and the chair expressed members' thanks for this informative presentation.

**ACTION:** JN to collate discussion topics to date and issue to members

**6. Papers for information**

6.1 These papers were issued to members prior to the meeting to promote areas for discussion at agenda item 3.

The Chair thanked members for their input and the purposeful discussions.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 16 August 2022.

Sally Armstrong  
Secretary 06/06/22