

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

**Attendees**

Ollie Bray (Chair)	Education Scotland	Strategic Director (Joint chair)
Stewart Nicolson	ADES	(Joint chair)
Hazel Bartels	Scottish Government	Head of Curriculum Unit (Joint
John Neeson	Education Scotland	Senior Education Officer (Interim)
Pamela DiNardo	Education Scotland	Senior Regional Adviser (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
Michelle Lewis	Tayside	RIC Representative
Owen Griffiths	Scottish Government	Team Leader
Sally Armstrong	Education Scotland	Secretary

**Apologies**

Tara Harper will join the meeting at 11.00

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**1. Welcome and Apologies**

1.1 The Chair (OB) opened the meeting acknowledging the recent passing of Queen Elizabeth II and the Board paused for a moment of reflection. OB welcomed attendees to the meeting and noted that TH will join the meeting at 11.00.

**2. Previous Meeting**

2.1 Minute of 06/06/22 - approved by the Partnership Board.

2.2 The action log was reviewed.

**NRIM09** – JN gave an update stating conversations have taken place and planning for a NIF officer and a SQA statistician to present at the November board.

**NRIM14** – Michelle Lewis (ML) advised members that the Tayside RIC will be presenting at a satellite SLF event later this month and will present to the board at a future meeting.

**3. Recommendation report update & 4. Recommendation report discussion**

JN was invited to give an update. He advised that a great deal of time and focus with individual conversations with colleagues has taken place with the report now ready to be finalised before being added to the website. The consultation process has been good and ties into other priorities and reports. An action plan is to be drawn up to take recommendations forward.

There were 32 general recommendations made by the SLWGs overall. However, 8 focused themes featured regularly in more than one individual working group recommendation.

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- 1. Pedagogical Approaches.**
- 2. The necessity for a National Route Map/Framework.**
- 3. Local Authority Numeracy & Mathematics Strategy.**
- 4. A review of current curriculum policy and guidance.**
- 5. The possible creation of Lead Practitioners/Teachers.**
- 6. Professional Learning**
- 7. Assessment**
- 8. Self-Evaluation**

Members discussed the scale of the task and asked how we take this going forward. They agreed the report was a helpful distillation of the main idea's and a great example of co-creation which would extend the awareness of NRIM. It was agreed that there may be a requirement to re-order the 8 themes and discussed the inclusion of transitions as a further theme.

Pamela Dinardo (PD) left the meeting at 11.00 and returned at 11.10.

## **6. Next steps & proposed action plan**

OB opened discussions on next steps and proposed that an action plan be created and suggested that there was scope to soften some language. Members agreed the necessity of being mindful of the audience who see the report and require to 'buy into' it with the synthesis of the sub-group recommendations crucial to make this manageable and communicable,

There is a strong case for the route map and framework being the most important area to clearly define roles and actions. Clarity was sought whether these recommendations were an 'interim' report, was additional feedback required and when would this be released as a draft report and the requirement to create owners and milestones. JN suggested an action group be formed and invited colleagues to email him if wishing to support the group. The group would consider realistic timeframes and actions to be shared with the board at monthly meetings and with a wider audience.

## **ACTIONS**

**NRIM01:** JN to create small action group prior to October 27 (Board date)

**NRIM02:** JN to issue recommendation report to members for additional high level comments. Deadline to be included and adhered to.

**NRIM03:** OB/HB create list of key bullet points and milestones, OB/JN to circulate list to NRIM Board before October Board

**NRIM04:** JN to issue update with timescales and actions to key partners before Nov Board (Nov 7).

## **7. AOB**

**7.1 Term of Reference (ToR) update** SA advised board that following some minor changes to the membership that the Terms of Reference document will come to the October board to be reviewed.

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**7.2 Winning Scotland presentation** – Members agreed that external input should be encouraged and Winning Scotland should be invited to give a short presentation.

**ACTION - NRIM05:** JN to invite Winning Scotland to give a short 10-15 minute presentation at the October Board.

**7.3 Webpage update** - update from JN. Link to website has been issued to members. Agenda, records of decisions and presentations are now being loaded onto the website.

**ACTION - NRIM06:** JN – soft launch of website before October board.

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

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 27/10/22 (Chair HB).

Sally Armstrong  
Secretary 15/09/22

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