

Ashfield Excellence Cluster

Minutes of Gifted & Talented Co-ordinators' Meeting

Monday 21st May 2007, 1:00pm
Coxmoor Primary School

Present

Steve Abbott (Beardall St.)
Wendy Hemmingsley (Holgate)
Nicky Peart (Ashfield)
Annie McClimont (AEC)

Sarah Kahler (Annesley)
Beverley Hutchinson (Holly Hill)
Ian Watson (SACC)

Sarah Senior (Quarrydale)
Di Munro (Coxmoor)
Sue Dickinson (Daneswood)

Apologies

Mark Golden (Kirkby College)
Alison Burdass (Broomhill)
Marion Howell (Sutton Centre)

Carolyn McGeagh (Hillside)
Jaine Mould (Edgewood)

Penny Mumford (Morven Park)
Kerry Norman (Edgewood)

Welcome to new people:

Sarah from Annesley

Minutes of last meeting

Agreed

Matters arising

Reading Challenge

Committee to finalise arrangements for 29th June. Schedule of coach pick-up times and places distributed along with timetable for the day. Question setting is in hand, but all suggestions to Jaine, Wendy or Sarah. Also included in the pack was a form for coordinators/lead teachers to return putting pupils into pairs ready for putting them into teams.

- Coordinators to complete and return asap
- A McC to distribute to coordinators not present at the meeting.
- All ideas for questions to be emailed to Jaine, Wendy or Sarah

The network thanked the committee for its time and effort in coordinating this event.

Music Festival

Provisional schedule has been distributed but some schools still have not confirmed their workshop time.

- Coordinators to follow up in school if possible.

The venue will be The Albert Hall in Nottingham. The Palace Theatre, Mansfield did not have any available dates for 12 months or more.

The date of the Festival is Thursday 18th October.

- Coordinators to ensure that this date is put in school diaries.

Auditing the Curriculum Offer

Time was spent identifying and discussing the various aspects of a school unit of learning / department scheme of work which represented good provision for G&T pupils in the classroom. A pro-forma was drafted which would enable coordinators to audit aspects of provision in various year groups.

- A McC to put the draft into an editable electronic format for use in primary schools to check that new curriculum plans were providing for G&T pupils, and for use in secondary schools to identify areas for development in existing or new schemes of work. This will be available on the website.

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Sharing Good Practice

AST website on WIRED

Nicky explained that Notts ASTs had put a bank of resources to develop thinking skills on WIRED.

Vocational History

Nicky fed back to colleagues about the Ashfield pilot of the Vocational history course. This skills-led course seems to have been particularly popular with able pupils with the format of the Y10 exam certainly testing skills such as research.

NAGTY Gold Award

Sarah reported that a group of pupils from Quarrydale was producing a revision pack for Y6 Science as part of their NAGTY Gold award. She asked for volunteer primary schools for pupils to visit, interview staff and pupils etc.

Thank you to Di and the staff at Coxmoor for hosting the meeting.