



Minutes of the meeting of the Education Advisory Group held on 27 MARCH 2007 at 5.30pm.

**Present:** Councillor Sandra Clark (Chair)  
Councillors Dransfield and Miles

**Officers:** V Gwynn (Corporate Director Learning and Development), G Morris (Performance Director – Performance (Interim)), D Bonnette (Assistant Director School Improvement (Interim)) and J Sloan (Committee Manager)

**Apologies:** Councillors Henderson and Lloyd

**EAG08 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Group held on 5 October 2006 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

**EAG09 MATTERS ARISING**

Further to Minute EAG02, the Group was informed that the governor briefing note had been re-circulated to all governors in Milton Keynes.

The Group noted the complexity of the statistical information being issued to governors and suggested that the use of 'Traffic Light' statistic reports in conjunction with the School Improvement Partnership briefings would aid understanding.

The Group appreciated the busy schedule of school governors and considered whether a specifically trained 'link' governor could promote engagement between headteachers, parents, governors and the Authority.

**RESOLVED –**

1. That the Group Director (School Improvement and Planning) brief Councillor Miles on statistical information issued to governors.
2. That discussion on governor engagement be held at a future meeting of the Group.

## **EAG10 UPDATE ON OFSTED SCHOOL REPORTS**

The Group received an update on the Ofsted inspections of primary and secondary schools in Milton Keynes.

The Group noted that 8 schools in Milton Keynes had been graded as 'outstanding' last year, higher than any neighbouring council. The Group was informed that it was expected that this figure would continue to improve through 2007.

The Group also noted that the Sir Frank Markham School had been issued with a notice to improve by OFSTED.

## **EAG11 SCHOOLS CAUSING CONCERN**

The Group received an update on those schools currently causing concern in Milton Keynes.

The following points were highlighted;

- (a) Inspectors had highlighted satisfactory progress at Young People Out of School (YPOS) at Fenny after improvements had been made by the new interim leadership arrangements;
- (b) a small percentage of pupils at YPOS were Looked After Children;
- (c) further improvements were required at YPOS including, health and safety procedures, monitoring of student performance and curriculum changes;
- (d) Special Measures had a damaging effect on the morale of teachers, parents and pupils;
- (e) officers identify schools at risk of going in to special measures at an early stage through the categorisation process;
- (f) the Meadfurlong school currently had an executive head working alongside the substantive Head; and
- (g) the Base Pupil Referral Unit will be placed at Romanfields school

The Group discussed the possible use of specialised, experienced leadership teams to assist schools in special measures.

## **EAG12 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

RESOLVED –

That the following future meeting date be agreed;  
Thursday 14 June 2007 at 5.00pm

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 6.40pm