



NEEN/ NESPSS Board Meeting
Tuesday 27th February 2007
Ellison Building, Northumbria University, Newcastle

Present

Mike Tones, Roger Candy, Rich Hurst, Robin Casson, Sally Preston, Steven Gater, Frances Hinton and Neil Alderman

Apologies

Dave Smith, Chris Welton, Rachel Ford, Lorraine Coulson

Overview

- NEEN looking for a new mission
- NEEN is a charity, company limited by guarantee. Aims and objectives are comparable with the aims of NESPSS
- MT provided an overview of background by Power-point

Drivers for change

- OFSTED (Learning Outside the Classroom will be on new the new school SEF)
- S3 self evaluation tool
- BSF
- Need to build build capacity in public and voluntary sectors
- NCSL support to Wave 4 BSF Programme starting in September 2007
- Duality between ECM and Standards agenda
- Society issue. Learning is in schools. Who is accountable/responsible for learning?
- National DfES ESD action plan
- Funding has been allocated regionally; £25k '06-07; £ 25K '07-08

Other Issues

- One North East is apparently going to fund solar energy converters into each secondary school
- Ultimately SATS & GCSE's matter
- Need courage of own convictions
- Perception of well-being within a school
 - Well being as important as standards
- Teacher training opportunity
 - Build capacity for future with education departments at Universities on ITTT
- Other regions are also undertaking regional coordination activity in different ways.
- Financing of money

Current NEEN Position

- * Small financial asset
- * No debt
- * Board needs to be strengthened
- * Board intended to provide high level advice and strategic direction not does
- * If NEEN receives the GONE funding
 - How to work differently within current finances and maximise strategic potential of a relatively small amount of money.
 - Keeping coherence

- Reconstruct the board to provide strategic overview to influence LA's and Schools
- Reconstruction will reconstruct values and aims of boards
- NEEN isn't undertaking any other activity.

Actions

Potential Board members to contact Roger Candy to let him know if they wish to join the Board.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 25th April at Northumbria University, Ellison Building, Ellison Place, Newcastle from 5.30pm- 7.30pm.