

DESF

MEETING MINUTES

DATE:	05.03.18
PRESENT:	Paul Simpson, Martin McLean, Jill Bussien, Andrew Owen, Rory McDonnell
APOLOGIES:	Nicki Harris

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION/ BY WHOM?
<p><u>Review minutes from last meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes from the last meeting were agreed as correct • Progress re lack of specialist notetakers (PS): JB and AO said “don’t know”. AO said that problem is that NRCPD only accept their own qualifications ... they do not accept others. There is hope that they will accept others in the future. • Notetaking course needs following up • Access Arrangements: AO shared information from Nick Lait re the sue of the term “Communication Professional”. There have been some changes to the wording. Please see the document. PS/JB asked: “What about OLM?”. AO said that we apply for both OLM and BSL and AO said we take form 6 into the exam. JB/PS wondered if this might ALL be videoed as a record in the 	<p>Jill B wrote to NRCPD. She got an email back and it got passed around; she tried again after Christmas and found that Alan Peacock has left. She then spoke to Kate Price and they had a lot of discussions. Kate will email Martin McLean and Lindsey Rousseau about decisions in the near future.</p> <p>PS to ask someone from ANP to come to the next meeting and ask them what they are doing about this.</p> <p>NH to feedback at next meeting</p>

future? (and still would need to fill in the OLM form).

- JB also applies for a scribe and a reader dependent on the student's test result. (JB uses WRAT and other tests to assess for this).
- AO said that he was happy with the new wordings overall.

DSA funded support

- PAS fed back about Nicki Harris' experience of QAG: the auditors were inflexible with certain aspects. They will only accept one way of doing things and the view that work-based learning is not acceptable not only precludes specialist notetakers but teachers in training too. It does need review. It is not archaic, it is inflexible and as such has flaws.
- MM clarified that a two tier system is evolving – Universities are providing inclusive support at levels one and two, but DSA is needed at levels three and four.
- NH/PAS to go to the Clarion meeting and will inform the group of what happens.
- MM feels that case studies will be beneficial ... he is gathering evidence and may do a questionnaire in relation to this. MM saw a presentation at the DfE re QAG ... DfE is looking to review the whole system in the near future. MM also mentioned that University of Manchester and University of Edinburgh are doing a joint five year study of students 16 to 23 years ... tracking them through FE/HE ... the NDCS is funding this.
- MM also noted that there is nothing back re changing criteria for NMH as yet.

AO to reply to Nick Lait.

NDCS Conference “Right for the Future”

- 3rd July Marble Arch ... details are on the NDCS website right now; Rachel O’Neil is a keynote speaker (she is also the new BATOD Journal editor).

Phonics and post 16 Learners research:

- MM: new research on this has been commissioned; UCL is doing the research.

Future membership of the group:

- MM: we should consider inviting new members to the group.
- Ideas: Hamilton Lodge, a University (PAS to invite these groups)
- There was a consensus that we need to reinvigorate the group
- RM asked if a social care rep would be useful?
- PAS also said he would invite Bev Roberts, and Jill Bussien said that she would invite Lisa Peacock
- MM suggested inviting Goldsmiths and an apprenticeship rep

DESF Survey: PAS stated that this has been discussed for years but hasn’t happened. There was a general discussion:

- Should we do it?
- How should it be directed? To whom? eg regional only or all England?
- Use survey monkey?
- What questions to ask?
- Can you do it all in 15 minutes? (attention span)
- Who is filling it in?
- Be careful not to duplicate CRIDE
- Does the person answering the questions have access to the right answers or can they find the persons who do know? eg how many CSWs in your area?

PAS stated that as a group we are very interested in this research.

PS to invite as listed

JB to invite those as listed

MM to invite those as listed

To be discussed in more detail at next meeting

AOB:

- RM asked for information about supporting a former student, now 26 years old who is studying for the Bar exams. PS and JB suggested he try the professional association of deaf lawyers (there is one 😊)
- adept Conference 23rd June Preston ... see website soon; speakers to include Lyn Barnes, Assn of lipspeakers; Robert G Lee – role space; Visual Phonics and deaf fellowship
- The new BATOD website has launched! Go and take a look!

NEXT MEETING:

14th May 2pm to 4.00pm

At NDCS Head Office (MM to check room availability)