

Maldon Local Delivery Group
Minutes
Maldon LDG 27/05/2010
Plume School

ITEM		Actions
1	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Present</u></p> <p>David Stephenson (DS), Claire Maynard (CM), Margaret Amery (MA), Jan Myers (JM), Keith Bannister (KB), Joe Figg (JF), Owen Thom (OW), Ann-Marie Garrigan (AMG)</p>	
2	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Mike Buitekant, Joan Costello, Judy Atkinson, Geraldine Denham-Hale, Darren Connew</p>	
3	<p style="text-align: center;">Minutes of last meeting and matters arising</p> <p>CEM to clarify with SENCAN regarding hours being taken from school allocations when a parent has won the right for assessment.</p>	CEM
4	<p style="text-align: center;">Anne – Marie Garrigan Extended Services Commissioning Manager</p> <p>Purpose of role is to support the LDG's. AMG will support LDG's in Mid, Colchester & Tendering. Aim to build capacity and determine what they can do to help. DS explained that LDG at present has another 18 months of sustainability by schools paying additional contributions. LDG needs to look at provision and funding streams and to highlight gaps. CAFs: LDG to record the number of single agency CAFs and Home School Referrals ESCO to be sent on a 4 day training programme looking at commissioning. AMG pointed out this was a training development opportunity in which some Head Teachers may be interested. CEM and AMG to provide information on modules at LDG meetings.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> CEM to do training LDG to determine on commissioning modules it would like to study in more detail. Training to all Heads in LDG on commissioning Further exploration of costs and accreditations. CEM to send AMG details of LDG activities and copy of business plan. AMG has requested that she is kept in the minutes circulation and invited to all LDGs.</p>	AMG / CEM

Trust Schools – David Stephenson

An expression of interest was submitted for support in forming a trust between Plume, Heybridge and Maldon Primary Schools. Funding has been awarded and now there is a consultation process with no commitment to complete. There is an opportunity for all Blackwater trusts to be initially part of the trust.

A “visioning” event will be held on June 9th. CEM has agreed to facilitate the event and help come up with core principles for the trust.

It was pointed out that being a trust would give the schools a legal identity which could help with future funding and allow a better clarity for schools in working together.

The trust could cause issues for the LDG as not all schools in the LDG would be part of the trust. DS pointed out that in longer term schools in the Dengie’s would be able to join the trust and therefore enabling the whole LDG to have a legal identity. DS pointed out that the aim, at present, is to start off with a small trust and gradually increase in size with all schools in the district being able to join and that associate membership would have as close as possible to full membership.

It was brought to the LDG’s attention that there are other schools expressing interests in trust status such as Thurstable School which neighbours the Maldon District. Other trusts have also been successful such as health service trusts.

It was pointed out that a major disadvantage for Primary Schools is that in order to be trust members they would have to change to foundation schools.

It was also pointed out that trust schools do not have to follow the national pay scales, though it was clarified that the Plume, though a foundation school did follow the national pay scales.

KB pointed out that Trust’s were a good idea because they enabled good collaborative work to be formulated but did acknowledge that Great Totham already being a foundation school meant the transition to a trust school would not be too great.

The new Government’s invitation to outstanding schools to become Academies was also discussed. It was felt that the main effect would be a reduction in funding available to the local authority to provide the services that schools utilise such as Education Welfare and Behaviour Support which would ultimately affect schools not able to become academies.

Action.

MA to update Dengie schools on Maldon Trust at next

MA

	<p>cluster meeting. JR has queried if LDG could still exist when schools are in a trust and whether or not schools would still commit to putting into LDG funds or keep the funds for their own needs. CEM to investigate DS asked AMG to keep LDG informed on Academies and the impact on LDG's and the future possibility of LDG's forming trusts and formal entities.</p>	<p>CEM AMG</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">MAAG Update</p> <p>Darren Connew (sits on the Maldon MAAG meeting) had sent in his apologies and was therefore unable to update the LDG on the latest situation.</p> <p>Action: DC to provide update at next LDG meeting</p>	<p>DC</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Making A Difference</p> <p>Subsidy has now been rolled out across Essex. Subsidy is known in Essex as "Every Child an Opportunity". It will, however, remain as "Making A Difference" in Maldon as a brand identity has already been built.</p> <p>KS asked if schools could share information on how they are spending the subsidy and any good practise. CEM to distribute a letter to all schools.</p>	<p>CEM</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">LDG Structure</p> <p>DS expressed a desire to step down as Lead Link Headteacher. JF may be interested and will speak to DS.</p> <p>LDG no longer sits on the Mid Essex Childrens Trust Board. Information will now be disseminated via the school's Area Development Groups (ADG). DS attends the Mid Essex ADG, ASH (Area Secondary Heads) where he will find out relevant information from the area's representative and feedback to the LDG. CEM to ensure that the LDG is represented at the EPHA meetings.</p> <p>It was also pointed out that other members of the LDG may sit on the board in their own capacity. CEM to determine who does for information purposes.</p> <p>OW raised the issue of the LDG+ and whether it is continuing. It was felt that with the departure of Julia Mackenzie the impetus behind the LDG+ forming had deteriorated. OT to liaise with MDC to determine the need for the LDG+</p> <p>It was felt that there should be an all Head's LDG meeting in July. JM volunteered the use of Wentworth. The meeting will start at 8.15am and finish at 10.30am.</p>	<p>CEM CEM OT</p>

	<p>Proposed Agenda as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability of the LDG • Better use of MAAGs and CAFs • School Nurses – provision issue • Future of Extended Services / Community Cohesion • Who we employ and why • Home school referrals • Financial planning • Future priorities • Evaluation • Any Other Business <p>The membership of Heybridge CSS and the LDG was raised. It was decided that the structure and future of the LDG should be determined before an invitation to join should be issued.</p> <p><u>Action</u> CEM to inform Heads about the open LDG.</p>	CEM
	<p style="text-align: center;">Any Other Business</p> <p>AMG reminded LDG about the HR clinic and risk assessment training. CEM confirmed she is attending the training on the 9th July.</p> <p>School Nurses – It was pointed out that school nurses are no longer attending student drop ins and operating on an appointment only basis due to provision constraints.</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting</p> <p>Thursday 8th July Wentworth Primary School 8.15am – 10.15am (please arrive promptly).</p>	