



Department
for Education

Improving Education Together meeting notes from 20 January 2025

IET Schools & Colleges Board Launch

Date: 20th January 2025
Venue: Dunraven School
Chair: Secretary of State for Education

IET Members:

- CES
- UCU
- GMB
- Department for Education
- CST
- Church of England
- AoC
- ASCL
- Unite
- Community
- NEOST
- NASUWT
- Unison
- LGA
- SFCA
- NAHT

DfE Secretariat:

- Board Secretary
- Secretary of State's Private Office
- IET Subgroup Chairs
- Officials

Apologies:

- National Education Union
- LGA

Meeting summary

A constructive and positive meeting which covered significant substantive ground on workforce, accountability and SEND, followed by the signing of the agreement in the presence of students and staff of our hosts, Dunraven School.

The Schools & Colleges Board agreed its terms of reference and reviewed and approved the planned work of its subgroups, providing steers to shape its direction.

All IET members with representatives in attendance signed the agreement on the day. Those who were unable to attend in person separately confirmed their willingness to sign as soon as logistically possible.

Workforce

The workforce subgroup presented two papers: one on the overall goals and focus areas, and the other a commissioning paper on their first project on teacher retention.

The board broadly welcomed both papers and endorsed the approach, providing steers to take the work forward.

Accountability

The accountability subgroup presented a scoping paper, asking for the Board's steer to prioritise and sequence the IET accountability work programme.

The board welcomed the paper and provided steers on how the work could be sequenced going forwards.

SEND

The SEND subgroup presented a paper that set out the themes planned for the work of the subgroup.

The board welcomed the paper for conceptualising inclusion from the perspective of the pupil, the workforce, and parents and carers, and provided steers to shape the approach.

AOB

No AOB were raised.

Actions

- IET Secretariat to:
 - arrange for the last two members to sign the IET Agreement, and for the agreement to be published
 - circulate a draft note of this meeting for IET members' approval
 - arrange for the first routine meeting of the Schools & Colleges Board in March

- IET subgroups to take away the steers and lean into the approaches that the board has approved, returning in March with progress update(s) and any concrete recommendations emerging.

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