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21 November 2018

Actions:

Agenda Item	Actions from meeting	Who	When
Youth Council	Councillor Anna Keen stated that she would contact the Universities to find out what assistance and support they could offer.	Cllr Anna Keen	28 January
Progress:			

Attendees, Board members:

Jon Angel, Bristol Secondary Head Teachers and Principals Association
 Jim Bowyer, Bristol Hospital Education Special Partnership
 Chris Curling, Society of Merchant Venturers
 Jacqui Jensen, Executive Director – Adults, Children & Education, BCC
 Cllr Anna Keen, Bristol City Council Cabinet member for Education & Skills - Chair
 Jo Midgely, UWE
 Lawrence Pitt, Primary Heads Association
 Tom Sperlinger, University of Bristol
 Alan Stubbersfield, Service Director, Education, BCC

Apologies:

Lee Probert, City of Bristol College
 Sandra Meadows, VOSCUR

Other attendees:

Tommy Jarvis, Learning City Strategic Lead, BCC
 Jason Bedingfield, CLF Data
 Jack Pitt, Bristol Youth Mayor
 Hannah Hier, Bristol Youth Mayor
 Martin James, BCC Youth Worker
 Norman Cornthwaite, BBC Democratic Services
 Richard Hanks, Bristol City Council

Welcome and Introductions

Cllr Keen welcomed attendees to the meeting. Attendees introduced themselves.

School Improvement

(1) School Performance Data KS2 and KS4

Jason Bedingfield gave a presentation. The presentation is appended to these Minutes.

He explained that the work had been carried out over the Summer. Although the data is still provisional, it was unlikely to change when the DfE confirm the figures in December.

The national picture indicates that performance in the main subjects is going up. Although Bristol is just below the national level, performance is up in Bristol. However the national level has improved slightly more than Bristol.

KS1 APS

There is a diverse range of schools. Progress has been mostly good. Girls are doing better nationally than boys. Low attaining students are not making more progress. There has been a lack of progress with SEN pupils. BME pupils progress has been good.

KS4 Outcomes

Data was collected from all schools and validated in January.

The national picture has not changed very much.

2018 saw the introduction of the new GCSEs.

Bristol is slightly below the national average.

The trend over time is generally upwards.

English and Maths has more impact on overall score.

Bristol has made progress.

KS4 APS

Girls are out performing boys.

Low attaining students are improving.

There are variations in relation to individual schools.

(2) School Improvement Programme

Richard Hanks gave a presentation. The presentation is appended to these Minutes.

He highlighted the strengths and noted that relationships between trust, CEOs, head teachers, Las, etc. is positive.

There are challenges and performance is declining.
Ofsted are looking carefully at indicators.
There are school led improvements.
Trusts do not have the capacity to take on additional schools.
Early intervention for vulnerable schools is needed.

(3) Leadership for Learning

Tommy Jarvis gave a presentation. The presentation is appended to these Minutes.
He gave an overview of the programme including funding, development and the focus on 4 to 16 year olds.
He highlighted the strengths of the programme.
He summarised the progress and highlighted the impact of the programme including per reviews and more collaborative working.

The advantages of working with SLEs were highlighted along with their relationships with head teachers of other schools. It was noted that the funding provided for SLEs was not enough to fund staff. It was agreed that more schools require SLEs but that they are difficult to recruit. They need to have the right skills and experience.

(4) School Attendance Strategy

Councillor Anna Keen gave a presentation. The presentation is appended to these Minutes.
She noted the progress, including the Attendance summit held on 9th October 2018 as well as well as the Consultation that closed on 20th November 2018. There is a focus meeting for parents and children with SEND to be held on 7th December 2018.
She summarised the next steps to be taken including developing a clear set of actions and noted that a decision on the strategy should be taken at the Partnership Board.

It was noted that the data needs to be analysed, priorities agreed and a strategy developed.
Best practice across the country needs to be taken into account. Attendance is driven at school level and trusts need to drive the strategy.
Some schools do better than others in managing attendance.
There was a need for Mental Health School Counsellors and although some secondary schools do employ them, some schools have dispensed with the posts.

(5) One City Plan

Tommy Jarvis explained that the Mayor has asked for 3 priorities for the next 32 years.
These are being worked on and will be shared.

(6) Youth Council

Hannah Hier and Jack Pitt explained their campaign on PSHE highlighting the following:

- They have had extensive discussions with a number of people including the Mayor
- They have written to the Education Secretary
- They held a Conference on 15th October 2018 where they ran Workshops
- There has been a debate in the Council Chamber
- They have written a report
- Sexual relationship teaching is to become compulsory
- They want the lessons to be more efficient and effective
- Students want to be given answers to all the questions that they ask
- Students need to be consulted more so that they can play a more active role in the lessons
- At present parents can withdraw students from lessons for cultural reasons, however when teachers spoke to parents there was a reduction in the number of withdrawals

It was noted that the Universities may be able to provide assistance and support for this issue.

Action – Councillor Anna Keen stated that she would contact the Universities to find out what assistance and support they could offer.

(7) Learning City Priorities

Tommy Jarvis gave a presentation. The presentation is appended to these Minutes.

He noted that in relation to the Post 16 Strategy, a Meeting had been held on 13th November 2018. Partners are committed to this and there is good collaboration. There are connections with business and industry. Although there are good practices these are not consistent across the city.

Reading City is developing a focus on cloakroom libraries; a concept that has been found to be sustainable and scalable. Clifton College has found funding. There is also a hope for business funding.

There are changes at SEND. There is ongoing work with partners.

There are continuing Recruitment and Retention issues taking place with the School Leadership Wellbeing Programme as well as other initiatives including a rolling train the trainer programme and an event on 8th December 2018 to attract more BME people into teaching.

(8) Widening Participation - Future Quest

Jo Midgely gave a presentation.

She highlighted the background to the initiative by the 2 Universities and the achievements to date. The programme is underway and students are starting to understand the core reasons for the programme. The sustainability of the programme is important as is the monitoring of the students. Ongoing funding is required.

(9) Notes and Actions from Last Meeting

These were noted.

It was agreed that it would be helpful to have a BME person on the Board. The inclusion of a business representative on the Board was also discussed.

(10) Date and Time of Next Meeting

4th February 2019 at 3.30 pm.