

Minutes: Special Educational Needs Working Party of the Governing Body of Dog Kennel Hill School held at 62 Oakhurst Grove on Monday 27 September 2010 at 6:30

PRESENT

Peter Bibby (Convenor)

Marion Cranmer
Gillian Reeve

Karen Jones
Robyn Harrison

Not present Jamie Barton
Philip Prior
Eileen Wray

1. Appointment of minute taker

The Convenor volunteered to take minutes

2. Minutes of meeting Monday 24 May 2010

a. Secondary transfer

We removed the minutes the name of the School which is a continuing source of concern at secondary transfer. No further action on this issue.

b. SENCO Training

Peter Bibby had written to Yvonne Ely. No substantive answer.

At present Robyn Harrison is meeting with other SENCOs in the context of the dyslexia course and would not currently have time for further training/collaboration. No further action on this issue.

3. Expenditure on children with special educational needs

After the May meeting of the Special Educational Needs Working Party, Peter Bibby met with Tim Yapp, Linda Ewers and Martin Finn. At that meeting Linda Ewers said that she did not think there was scope for reducing the 1 to 1 support allocated to children with statements.

Note subsequent to meeting

From September 2010 we do not expect to provide 1:1 support for children who do not have statements. For children who have statements which do not attract additional funding from Southwark TA support will be allocated so as to provide either 1:1 support or more usually small group support. Governors who attend annual reviews will monitor the position in relation to each individual child during the coming year.

4. Individual children

We discussed individual children.

We emphasised the importance of ensuring that children who ought to have statements are assessed. Even with an unfunded statement, parents can choose their secondary school before places are allocated to children without statements.

If the child ought to have a funded statement, parents can appeal against the hours specified in the statement in order to get sufficient support which would also convert an unfunded statement into a funded statement.

5. Other children on the SEN register

Robyn Harrison agreed to brief us on all the children who are on the special educational needs register at our next meeting

6. Date of next meeting

Next meeting will be on Monday 31 January 2011 6:30 at 62 Oakhurst Grove.