National and Advisory Committee Conference Call

Friday 27th March 2020, 10am



**Attendees:** BH, RB, KR, TC, BA, SA, MM, RBoyle, LR, AM-B, Jd’A

**Apologies:** PS, SG, HA, JL

2020 National Conference

* GM ran through latest details re: correspondence with venue and Sub-Team and outlined the options available i.e. cancel, reschedule or go ahead.
* Agreement to reschedule the event to next year: a major part of the National Conference is networking so there is little point going ahead.
* Explored possibility of rescheduling to September / October / November but the NASS conference is in October plus too much is unknown at this stage and whatever happens, it is likely that schools will want all staff to be in school that whole term.
* Has been suggested that we offer an online conference / resource instead but is a lot out there at the moment and we have no idea if there is any demand for something else.
* Instead we should push for all regions to have a regional meeting in September as a means to maintaining the networking links that would otherwise have happened at the Conference.
* In the meantime, the National Committee should collate all their learnings and experience ahead of schools returning so that they can share with regions (members, SEMH and mainstream settings) – looking in particular at trauma and behaviour.
  + Call in July to brainstorm?
  + GM to set something up in Slack so that comments can be posted and shared quickly and easily.
* GM to contact the Worsley Park Marriott Hotel to notify them that we would like to reschedule for 2021 and follow up previous enquiry re: availability for dates already agreed by National Committee for 2021.
* GM to contact everyone booked so far: advise them of situation, offer a full refund (plus voucher for discount if book next year) or to defer booking and payment until next year.
* Theme, speakers, workshops - will continue to focus on mental health as intended for 2021 but still need to agree a theme –
  + GM to share suggestions received so far via email.
  + Regional Reps to contact members to see what they want.
* But curriculum will still be on the agenda for schools - is there something we can do help them get back on track when they return to school? Look at doing a webinar.
  + GM to look at options – Microsoft Teams, Zoom, etc.

2020 National Awards

* Ceremony linked to National Conference but also need to consider the scheme itself and whether we cancel it or go ahead in some other format.
* If we go ahead with this but not the Conference it sends a mixed message.
* LR confirmed that we have a strong sponsorship document in place which can be used for 2021.
* We could consider introducing a category for students to nominate a teacher? Possibly also something acknowledging the current situation i.e. Hero Award?
* We could also keep the window for nominations open so that the 2021 scheme celebrates this year’s successes and achievements as well as next years.
* Look at possibility of offering a thank you service in the meantime (i.e. not a nomination but ask us to send a thank you postcard to show appreciation)?
* GM to draft proposal and share with Sub-Team.

2020 National Creative Awards

* 9 entries received so far.
* Priority is for GM to liaise with Will at Vision for Education as sponsors.
* Many schools may have set this as part of their home working packs so reluctant to cancel it.
* Agreed to extend deadline (at least until end of academic year) and reschedule for later in the year.
* GM to draft proposal and share with Sub-Team.

2020 Football Tournament

* Organise a FIFA tournament instead? Would be good but may involve significant organisation and co-ordination? GM to look at national online sports association for schools.
* Agreed to cancel finals tournament (as 30 days out of event and can cancel without charge).
* Will look to reschedule if at all possible.

Website

* Launch email was send around the time schools started to close. Will send a reminder when the time is right but don’t want to over load schools at the moment.
* Peer to peer facility – please feel free to post and share.
* GM to revisit correspondence with Oink re: Brendan’s registration.

AOB

* Current situation with SEMH schools is that any child with an EHCP should be offered a place (and able to demonstrate that they are safer in school than at home) with the exception of key worker children. Plus if staff numbers prohibit a school opening, they should look to deploy staff from other settings (mainstream and other).
* RB to draft an email - probably to share with Regional Reps to send to members (especially if can’t reach them by phone) but will discuss. Include offer for member schools to call us if they want to.
* Also suggested that Regional Reps contact member schools via phone to check okay. GM to send latest database to all but need to be cautious about overloading schools.
* Zero tolerance request for info - RBoyle has received a couple of emails but please feel free to respond.

Conference Call finished at 11.09am

Signed:

Print Name:

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