

Minutes of the meeting of the Karten Network held on 18th April 2013 at the offices of RNIB, Judd Street, London WC1.

Present

Dawn Green (chair)
Joel Elias
Dave Fullerton
Matt Kayne
Christine Price
Tim Simon

In Attendance

Ceri Hibbert
Angela Hobbs

1. Apologies

Mubina Asaria
Anthony Davis (IKCT Trustee)
Rohan Slaughter (Beaumont College)

2. Minutes of the last meeting (25.01.13)

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

TMS informed the board that discussions with the Keren were still ongoing. He is in Israel for meetings at the beginning of June and will report back to the board at the next meeting in July. **TS**

4. Chair's Update

Prior to the meeting DG and CH had discussions on producing a strategy for the Network, which would inform the activities of the Network Board and help target resources. AH to send a copy of the 2003 mission statement to board members and then DG and CH will take it further. **AH
DG
CH**

5. Website Update

CH and MK will progress on updating the website. MA and CH to arrange a SKYPE meeting. **MA
CH**

6. Network Manager's Report

CH tabled her report, which contained centre visits and other activities.

7. Impact of National Funding Reforms

DG told the board that a new funding mechanism will come into effect this September. This will give more power to Local Authorities. Residential provision in specialist colleges will decrease and the Local Authorities will be unlikely to look at the full picture of the complex needs of students.

8. The Network Survey

CH distributed the results of her survey to CTEC Centres prior to the meeting. 33 centres had responded. There were a range of comments regarding the conferences. A decision was made to hold the Network conference every other year at QAC in October and the years in between, also in October, hold 3 or 4 regional half day conferences at CTEC Centres. CH to email suggested dates once she has spoken to RSCs.

CH

9. Any other business

CH informed the board that Rohan Slaughter from Beaumont College had joined the Network board of Directors.

CP has written a book and asked TMS whether she could send parts relating to Ian Karten and the Trust to him to preview for accuracy, content etc.

CP

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.55p.m.

Date of next meeting

11.15a.m. on Wednesday 17th July 2013 at RNIB, Judd Street.