



# National Education Union

## Southern Derbyshire District

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### **Minutes of the General Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

#### **Committee Meeting**

#### **1. Present & Apologies**

**Present:**, Robin Pardo Roques, Daniel Neale, Monica White, Chris Baldwin, Kevin Baldwin, Rob Bannister, Charlotte Fletcher-Eaton,

**Apologies:** Julie Nall, Keith Venables

**2.** Minutes proposed by DN Seconded by CB all agreed

**3.** DN verbally presented the Secretary and Treasurer Reports, around Covid impact on staff and student absence in schools. A mixed picture with some schools heavily affected, some not so much. Mainly around certain Year Groups impacted more than others. Some families keeping children off so that holidays aren't affected by isolation. Accounts will be completed during August, and honoraria being discussed at a subsequent meeting. Standing order setup for the British Rohingya affiliation fee. To be reviewed in 10 Years. Potentially to be discussed at future AGMs alongside other funding awards. National Conference Rooms have been booked in Bournemouth.

## General Meeting

### **1. Present and Apologies**

Present – as above

Apologies – as above

### **2. Wellbeing Charter.**

CB presented the Wellbeing Charter. Members appreciated it being shared, RPR suggested that East-Midlands RO and LA request to Senior Leaders in school to see what kind of things are being implemented in an embedded and holistic capacity.

### **3. Equality Issues.**

Disabled members and Black Educators conferences happening in the Autumn Term online. Lewis Hamilton Foundation has supported the NEUs document on racial equality. Kevin Courtney has been involved, and also been involved in antisemitism conversation around their support for Palestine. The NEUs Anti-Racism Charter was discussed and shared.

### **4. Issues in Schools**

There was general discussion DN welcomed CFE and recognized the difficulties experienced by Ockbrook School staff and the appalling treatment of employees and students. Discussion about the current context and actions needed. PS discussed staff feeling pressure around staying in school if unwell. MW discussed around mask wearing, DN said it's decided on a school by school basis and there aren't mandatory rules either way. Testing also seems to be on a school by school basis

### **5. Future Meetings**

Thursday 16th September, potentially face to face. CB to send details at the beginning of next term. Potentially Robin Hood in Overseal or Railway Inn in Swadlincote. 6. AOB CB asked about member roles next year. DN discussed roles with and RB Vice President. DN to send AGM minutes for CB to add to website. DN encouraged members to introduce younger members to meetings.

Meeting Closed 18:30