

Item 9.1



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REPORT TO CCWP

August / September 2016 Board Report

1. Membership:

This year, SPTC changed its membership model, to offer four different levels of benefit. All Edinburgh PCs have their 3* membership paid by the local authority, and information has gone out detailing what the membership includes, and how to upgrade to 4* if they wish. SPTC's information sessions and other benefits continue. All parents at member schools can now create their own website login so that they can access resources.

2. Partnership Schools:

We are devoting a lot of time currently to training for existing and new teams. This year we have added schools in Falkirk and West Lothian to those in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Angus. We have 30+ schools in the project for 2016-17.

Work is also underway on the Year 1 report, for publication late October. The report gives an overview of the project, work undertaken by the teams and impact.

3. Staff: We continue to look for more RAs and are using our network to try to identify potential candidates.

4. CPD service: SPTC has developed a CPD module for teaching professionals, endorsed by the Scottish College for Educational Leadership. We are delivering our first CPD course for Shetland Council in late October.

5. Parents Voice: the last survey on the way dads are welcomed into school was very successful and picked up by the Herald. We are currently surveying on Upstart.

6. Scottish Government: We have been involved in events led by Scottish Government on the communications for the NIF and Delivery Plan. We are also being asked for our input to a bill being put to parliament around seatbelts on school transport, and to join a group looking at digital education.

7. Consultations: There are a number of consultations going on at the moment – details on our website – to which SPTC will be making a response. For parents, the review of the Parental Involvement Act by NPFS and the Governance Review by Scottish Government are of particular interest.

8. Parliament Education Committee: Lindsay Law recently gave evidence at the Parliamentary Committee on the subject of attainment and closing the attainment gap.

9. Education Scotland: EC and SH attended the ES strategic conference on parental and family engagement in September, ran a workshop and took part in discussions. It was well attended by local authorities and partners, and identified as a good opportunity.
- In addition, we took part in the Learning Festival again this year. Although it is a less well attended event year on year, it costs us staff time only and is a good place for SPTC to be seen.

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