



North Tyneside Brass in Schools Management Committee meeting

held at Backworth Park Primary School, 4th January 2016

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Present:

Julie Dorr. Chair. North Tyneside Music Education Hub Lead
Carol Crerar. Vice Chair. Headteacher, Backworth Park Primary School
Gavin Dudley. Administrator. Secretary, Backworth Colliery Band
Alex Lewis. North Tyneside Music Education Hub Tutor
Angela Hunter. Headteacher, Burradon Community Primary School
Helen Hopper. Teaching Assistant. Burradon Community Primary School

Apologies:

Fiona Downes. Balliol Primary School

Minutes:

Julie Dorr

	Item	Actions
1.	Welcome & Introductions	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Done	
2.	Apologies	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Were received and accepted	

<p>3</p>	<p>Review of progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive feedback form all schools with numbers remaining constant and only a small percentage of drop out <i>Backworth 19 children</i> <i>Burradon 12 children and 1 parent</i> <i>Balliol 8 children and 1 parent</i> Young people have had the opportunity to perform both in school and in the community. This includes Whitley Bay Christmas Lights, Seghill Christmas lights and school carol services. 	
<p>4</p>	<p>Review Accounts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accounts were circulated and approved 	<p>GD to chase up invoice from North Tyneside Council for wrong amount</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Issues and concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion re the management of the groups could become a problem with volunteers at maximum capacity. There is a need to recruit new support. Discussed need to engage a professional tutor to focus on delivery and support of the project long term It was agreed that the current groups at Backworth and Burradon should remain as they are with new starters beginning in September to maintain consistence and continued progress and achievement Materials moving forward were discussed. GD is arranging appropriate material. Suggestion of a 'Best is class style book to be trialled. It was agreed that the brass group are currently integrated into school and that it would be inappropriate to look for tentative links within class lessons. A standalone project means that the young people see it as separate from in school learning which was seen as a positive. 	<p>JD and GD to progress a grant application with the Arts Council/Youth Music for next year to pay for a professional to lead additional brass groups e.g. at George Stephenson High School and another feeder Primary school</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Plans going forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GD explained introduction of his new resource 'Toon Larner' aimed specifically at the groups in the project. Plans to assess progress in small groups to enable individual progress and production of appropriately challenging material. 	<p>GD to progress "Toon Larner" material with feedback from all.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> discussed possibilities of volunteer CPD training workshops for percussion and singing to be delivered during normal session times. Possibly one this term and the other next term? Performance opportunities were discussed and it was decided that we should plan for these to be termly to enable time to prepare and to fit around other school commitments We want to provide an opportunity for year 6 children going to High School, and it was agreed to approach George Stephenson High School about starting a brass group there from Sept 2017 Discussed having a collaborative concert with George Stephenson High School in the Summer term 2017 to showcase the work of the project to all schools in the feeder primary schools. Balliol to potentially take part in the Longbenton festival for continuity AL suggested possibility of joint performance with one of the Music Centre Bands GD wanted to look at the possibility of taking the young people to the Sage Gateshead to look at the venue and hear a professional band play 	<p>JD sound out musicians to do percussion and singing workshops at each of the brass groups or possibly at separate times with tutors only</p> <p>AL to arrange initial meeting with Head of Music at George Stephenson, with GD and JD. This would be to flag up our plans and seek commitment in principle at this stage.</p> <p>All: work towards a summer concert at George Stephenson where we invite feeder schools to participate (especially year 6) with all 3 brass groups and Backworth Colliery Band</p> <p>AL to progress</p> <p>JD speak to the Sage Gateshead re concert and visit.</p> <p>GD to progress a grant application with The Community Foundation for more money for this year to pay for visiting musicians to run percussion and singing workshops, and take the children on a trip to The Sage in the summer term.</p>
6.	AOB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed membership of committee. All happy to support in their current capacity 	