

All Party Parliamentary Group for the Teaching Profession



Minutes of the Inaugural meeting held on Monday 20 July 2020 at 3.45 pm – 4.45 pm – a virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams

1. Welcome

Ian Mearns, Chair, welcomed the following attendees to the Inaugural Meeting of the All Party Parliamentary Group for the Teaching Profession:-

- Baroness Blower
- Lord Storey
- Emma Hardy
- David Simmonds

- Ryan Pratt
- John Howson

In attendance were Chris Waterman, Georgina Newton and Sarah Gregory.

2. Mission Statement

Ian Mearns referred the meeting to the Background Paper that had been circulated in advance of the meeting, and the Mission Statement that had remained unchanged since the establishment of the APPG in 2015:-

“The APPG for the Teaching Profession will initially focus on:

- the recruitment and retention of high-quality teachers for every school and college
- routes into teaching
- the nature of the training and preparation provided for graduates
- the provision of continuing professional development of teachers

The group will also look at the impact of education reforms on the teaching profession and will commission papers on specific aspects of policy.”

3. Election of Officers

The following Parliamentarians had agreed to serve as Officers:

Ian Mearns, MP (Chair)	Baroness Blower
Baroness Morris (Vice Chair)	Emma Hardy (MP)
Lord Storey (Vice Chair)	David Simmonds (MP)

4. Update – Chris Waterman

REPORTED:

That due to the Covid-19 lockdown, the meeting scheduled for 23 March had been cancelled.

That during lockdown, an informal, and virtual, meeting of the APPG for the Teaching Profession had taken place on Monday 15 June 2020 and had been attended by over 70 members.

That the current meeting format did not always allow for in depth discussion on relevant and special interest group topics. Therefore an additional series of 1 hour informal meetings would be scheduled, in the first instance:

- Wellbeing
- SEND - Child Welfare; domestic violence in the home

The first such meeting, on Wellbeing, would be led by Jeanie Davies, author of *The Trust Revolution in Schools* (Routledge, 2020) and co-founder of the Schoolgenie Project. It would be held on Monday 24th August at 16.00.

Topics for future sessions would be drawn from:

- ITT in the time of Covid-19
- Distance-learning: curating quality
- Delivering full-time education with part-time attendance
- Inclusion
- Virtual Learning
- Curriculum design and reporting on the progress of the Cambridge Mathematics framework

5. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 21st September 2020 (subject to confirmation)