

Lasallian Education Mission Council (GB)

Sunday, 20th January, 2008

Present: Conrad Bannon, Sian Grant,
Br. Sean Sellors (Chair), Br. Owen Smith,
Michael Worthington

The Notes of the last meeting (4th November) were accepted. Discussion followed on several matters raised at that Meeting.

The Heads' Conference on the theme 'Creating an Inclusive School', was considered to have been successful. Presentations by the two main speakers, Patrick Ferguson of De La Salle, Liverpool, and Will Daunt of De La Salle, St Helens, had been well received. Their input had led to thoughtful and quite varied sharing of experiences on the part of other participants.

Members of LEM thought that, during the coming year, Headteachers should be invited to consider this theme further by looking more closely at the area of 'correction rather than punishment'.

The Lasallian Handbook. It is hoped that the Handbook will be completed before long. Brief thoughts on the 'characteristics of a Lasallian School' should be included in the Booklet.

The Australian Course. Owen and Michael provided an explanation of the course and the stage we are at in the programme leading to its implementation. Brother Gerard Rummery and Trish Carroll had run a five-day workshop, in Oxford, for potential tutors from GB, Ireland and Malta. It is hoped that the first group will begin their work around September of this year. Investigations are being made to explore the possibility of gaining university accreditation through St Mary's University, Strawberry Hill.

International Assembly Orientations

(Orientations 1 &2). It was felt that in our work, during recent months, LEM has addressed issues relating to these Orientations. European Heads (ASSEDIL) have, also, taken 'Information Technology' as a topic for their annual meeting.

At its recent January Conference the Heads explored Cohesion and Inclusion in the context of the School.

Moreover, the on-line Australian 'Leadership' programme provides an important way forward in the area of training and formation.

During the year ahead the LEM Council would like consideration to be given to the subject of new family situations facing young people in 2008, such as those involving

children who belong to the Traveling Community, to one-parent families, to families where there is the experience of abuse (e.g. alcohol related, physical or sexual abuse, violence).

A suggestion was made that schools should be invited to carry out a 'spiritual audit' during the coming year. No decision was reached as to who would put together the audit document to be sent to the schools.

Other Items included discussion around the Brothers' District Chapter later in the year and the appointment of a 'new' Visitor.

Information was provided relating to a possible **International Lasallian Youth Programme** for 2009.

Malta Leadership Course. Details were provided concerning the Malta Lasallian Leadership course.

LEM's earlier Meetings with Young Lasallians and later with the LAMB Community were regarded as beneficial. The next Meeting should take place at Kintbury and opportunity should be provided for the Council to meet with Team members.

No date was fixed for the next meeting. It was decided to leave it to the next Visitor to contact LEM members to arrange a mutually acceptable date.