



## Joint Initiative Working Party

10 February 2015

Education House, 178 Willis Street, Te Whanganui-a-Tara

9:00am – 11:00am

Ministry of Education and NZEI Te Riu Roa

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The meeting began with karakia, mihi mihi and waiata.

### Scope of the Joint Initiative Working Party

#### Discussion

The Governance Group proposed a purpose statement for discussion:

*"To identify practices of collaboration and/or transition that support all learners to achieve across the curricula and throughout their learning pathway, in order to identify resourcing, practices and roles that will enable responsive models to be developed across the country.*

*In particular, the working groups will focus on two big ideas:*

- a. *Transitions from early childhood to primary schooling and from primary to secondary school and;*
- b. *Examples of sharing effective practice that has/is leading to a boost in students' learning success."*

Another phrasing of b. proposed by MoE was discussed:

- b. *Examples of sharing effective collaboration that has/is leading to a sustained, system-based lift in students' learning success*

A number of points were raised in discussion about the purpose statements, including:

- 'System' was seen as potentially excluding extended community including whānau, hapū and iwi.
- It is particularly important to Māori and Pasifika that 'system' be inclusive of whānau, hapū, iwi and extended family and community networks.
- There was some support for the use of 'evidence-based' and 'collaboration' in the purpose statement.
- 'Transitions' can exclude Māori medium children transitioning into English medium classrooms

A sub-group will further discuss the purpose statement with the aim of taking agreed text to the next Governance Group meeting.

It was agreed that ideas outside of the scope of the Better Plan Joint Initiative could be captured for future reflection e.g. policy implications.

#### Action

Stephanie/Sarah – convene sub-group to take these discussion points up and then report through to the Governance Group.

### **Work Programme**

#### Discussion

The Working Party confirmed that May 29 is the deadline they are working towards, although most of the research-gathering will need to be done in March. NZEI Te Riu Roa proposed that the Working Party meet face to face on Fridays with another day for more intensive work e.g. worksite visits.

The Working Party recognised that there was a need to determine criteria or broad indicators for deciding which schools and centres to visit. There is a need to consider not just effective practices, but also the conditions that support effective practices.

The idea of having a Pasifika fono and Māori hui for engagement with interested parties communities was discussed and there was general support for this concept.

The idea of having sub-groups within the Working Party was floated e.g. Māori sub-group. These sub-groups would have to share their knowledge with the whole Working Party to avoid fragmenting the work. The Working Party acknowledged that it would be harmful to this process to think that there were one-size –fits-all solutions.

The MoE agreed to longer meetings on Fridays.

### **Summary of Action Points**

- Discussion points around the purpose statement are to be taken back to the Governance Group
- NZEI members will generate an initial list of questions to identify how we might decide where to visit
- Stephanie/Sarah to discuss criteria/indicators for deciding on visits with a small group
- NZEI members and MoE will start building lists of places to visit – this can happen online
- WP/MoE to capture ideas that are outside of the scope of the Joint Initiative for future reflection

**Next meeting:** Friday 20th of February  
9 – 11 (tbc )  
venue at MoE tbc