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Minutes 719 of the Education Committee meeting held at the Education Learning Centre on Wednesday, 20th May 2015 at 09.00hrs.

Present:	Hon. Christine Scipio-O'Dean	Chairperson
	Hon. Nigel Dollery	Deputy Chairperson
	Hon. Corinda Essex	Member
	Hon. Cyril George	Member
	Mrs Shirley Wahler	Director
	Mrs Kerry Yon	Assistant Director Lifelong Learning
	Mrs Penny Bowers	Acting Headteacher (PAS) For Item 19.2
	Mrs Cynthia Bennett	Work Development Coordinator For Item 19.3
	Ms Vivienne Ward	Early Years Advisor For Item 19.4
	Miss Joanne Crowie	Finance Officer For item 19.6
	Mrs Cherilee Thomas-Johnson	Secretary
Apologies:	Hon. Pamela Ward Pearce	Member
	Mrs Wendy Benjamin	Assistant Director Schools

OPEN AGENDA

19.1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairperson gave a warm welcome to all present at the meeting.

Apologies were received from Hon, Pamela Ward-Pearce who was on overseas business, and Mrs Wendy Benjamin, Assistant Director of Schools.

19.2 PRESENTATION ON OVERSEAS TRAINING, MRS. PENNY BOWERS, ACTING HEADTEACHER, – REPORT ATTACHED

The Committee noted the circulated document.

The Director gave an overview into the planned training and wished Mrs Bowers well.

Mrs Bowers informed the Committee that during her overseas training she would have the opportunity to visit four schools, one of which is very outstanding and the others which prove to be rather challenging.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chairperson wished Mrs Bowers well with her training and looked forward to an update at September's meeting.

Mrs Bowers left the meeting.

19.3 REPORT ON CAREERS FAIR, MRS. CYNTHIA BENNETT, WORK DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR – REPORT ATTACHED

The Committee noted the report.

Mrs Bennett informed the Committee that it had been brought to her attention that the Napoleonic celebrations would be held during the same week that she had planned to host the Careers Fair. Since the Napoleonic Celebrations have an intense programme it was proposed that the Careers Fair 2015 would be held on Wednesday, 4th November.

Members raised concerns in regards to content of the stalls. It was suggested that stall holders should be made aware that the event was not to showcase organisations but rather to provide the public with Career direction

Ms Bennett was thanked for attending the meeting; Mrs Bennett left the meeting.

19.4 EARLY YEARS POLICY FOR GOOD PRACTICE, MS VIVIENNE WARD, EARLY YEARS ADVISOR

The Committee noted the report.

The Director commended Ms Ward for the improvements that have been made for Early Years.

Ms Ward informed the Committee that the proposed Policy will strengthen the foundation for Early Years.

It was agreed that the document would be titled Guidance for Early Years Learning and Teaching.

The Committee endorsed the proposed Guidance for Early Years Learning and Teaching subject to minor changes.

The Chairperson thanked Ms Ward for attending the meeting and extended appreciation to the Early Years team for their valuable input.

19.5 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES 718

UPDATE ON LEARNING MENTOR ROLE – MISS ABBY KIRK

A summary of the students' survey is to be circulated; Director agreed to follow up and will circulate via email to Committee Members once received.

ACTION: Director

19.6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

17th June 2015 commencing at 09.00 hrs at the Education Learning Centre

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting closed at 11.40 hrs.

Confirmed:



Date: 12 June 2015

Cllr Christine Scipio-Odean