

NO 722

Minutes 722 of the Education Committee meeting held at the Education Learning Centre on Wednesday, 19th August 2015 at 09.00hrs.

Present:	Hon. Christine Scipio-O'Dean	Chairperson
	Hon. Nigel Dollery	Deputy Chairperson
	Hon. Corinda Essex	Member
	Hon. Brian Isaac	Member
	Mrs Shirley Wahler	Director
	Mrs Kerry Yon	Assistant Director Lifelong Learning
	Mrs Cherilee Thomas-Johnson	Secretary
Invited:	Mrs Cynthia Bennett	Item 21.7
Apologies:	Hon. Wilson Duncan	Member
	Mrs. Wendy Benjamin	Assistant Director Schools

OPEN AGENDA

21.1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairperson gave a warm welcome to all present at the meeting; a special welcome was extended to Honourable Brian Isaac who was attending his very first EDUC meeting as a newly elected member to the Committee.

Apologies were received from Honourable Wilson Duncan and Mrs Wendy Benjamin.

21.2 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES 721

UPDATE ON LEARNING MENTOR ROLE – MISS ABIGAIL KIRK

The Learning Mentor Booklet and Health & Lifestyle booklet has been circulated to Committee Members.

CLOSED AGENDA

ENTRY TO NURSERY PROVISION

It was agreed that this would be discussed under Item 3 of the Agenda.

REVISIONS TO EDUCATION REGULATIONS

It was noted that the drafting of the regulations is with the AG Chambers. The Director will be presenting the proposed changes to the regulations to Elected Members on Friday 21st August.

The Catchment Area Policy will be discussed under Item 3 of the Agenda.

REPORTS FROM HEADTEACHERS

The Director advised that the roles of advisory teachers are currently being reviewed.

ACTION: Director

PUBLIC LIBRARY OPERATIONS

It was noted that the conditions for approving the allocation of the ex PWD Store had been circulated to members.

The Committee was advised that the Librarian had produced a draft survey, which will be finalised and presented to the Committee in September.

ACTION: Director

The Terms of Reference for the establishment of a 'Friends of the St Helena Public Library' group have not yet been compiled.

ACTION: Director

NEW SCHEME OF SERVICE FOR EDUCATION

It was agreed that this would be discussed under Item 10 of the Agenda.

INITIAL PROPOSAL FOR A COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Committee noted that this has been included as Item 6 of the Agenda.

21.3 ADMISSION POLICY

The proposed School Admission Policy report was circulated prior to the meeting.

The Committee endorsed the staged approach for children to attend Nursery once they had reached the age of three years.

The Committee agreed that the catchment areas will be as follows:

St. Paul's Primary –

All homes in the St. Paul's, Sandy Bay and Blue Hill districts

HTH - All homes south of Lantana Road stopping west at the residence of Mr Cyril Joshua and all homes south of Wireless Station Road, stopping at the HTH boundaries on the west, east and south.

All homes in areas south west of Gordon's Post and on Gordon's Post Road.

Pilling Primary –

All homes in Rupert's Valley, the Briars and in Jamestown.

HTH - All homes north of Lantana Road stopping west at the residence of Mr Cyril Joshua and all homes north of Wireless Station Road stopping at the HTH boundaries on the east and west.

All homes north of Christening Bank stopping at Prospect House Junction and Gordon's Post (therefore not including those on Gordon's Post Road).

Harford Primary –

All homes east of St. Paul's boundary and Jamestown boundary including all of Longwood, Levelwood and Deadwood areas.

All homes south of Christening Bank and east of Prospect Junction thereof will be for children attending Harford Primary School.

The Committee endorsed the School Admission Policy which will be an internal policy subject to minor amendments prior to implementation.

ACTION: Director

21.4 UPDATE ON TRAINING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Members were circulated the report prior to the meeting.

A discussion was held in regards to the proposed survey which is scheduled to be launched in a weeks' time; the duration of the survey will be three weeks. It was noted that the survey will primarily be launched as an e-survey but paper based copies will also be available.

The Committee supported the rationale for training needs assessment subject to amendments to the survey detail.

It was agreed that the Directorate should present the survey to the Chamber of Commerce on 1st September 2015.

22.12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on:

16th September 2015 commencing at 09.00 hrs at the Education Learning Centre.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting closed at 12.00 hrs.



Confirmed:
Cllr Christine Scipio-Odean

Date: August 2015