

No 737 Minutes 737 of the Education Committee meeting held at the Education Learning Centre on Wednesday, 15 February 2017 at 09.00hrs.

Present:

Hon. Dr Corinda Essex	Deputy Chairperson
Hon. Brian Isaac	Member
Hon. Wilson Duncan	Member
Mrs. Wendy Benjamin	Acting Director
Hon. Cruyff Buckley	Member
Mrs. Cherilee Thomas-Johnson	Secretary

Apologies:	Hon. Christine Scipio-O'Dean	Chairperson
	Mrs. Kerry Yon	Assistant Director Lifelong Learning

OPEN AGENDA

37.1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Deputy Chairperson welcomed all present to the meeting; apologies were received from the Chairperson, Hon. Christine Scipio-Odean and the Assistant Director, Lifelong Learning, Mrs Kerry Yon.

37.2 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES 736

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN EDUCATION

It was noted that an update on Keeping Children Safe in Education policy was included as an Agenda item

REPORT ON ST HELENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Director informed the Committee that the first meeting of the St Helena Community College Board will be held after the Assistant Director Lifelong Learning returns from overseas medical referral.

ACTION: Director

END OF KEYSTAGE ASSESSMENTS

Committee members were advised that consultations with parents of the affected pupils have commenced. Generally it was felt that Parents understood the need to change the way in which assessments were done locally due to the current circumstances.

FEEDBACK FROM PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

Committee members were advised that Prince Andrew School still needs to submit collated data; the Assistant Director of Schools advised that once the data has been received it will be circulated via email, prior to the next meeting.

It was noted that an amended version of Prince Andrew Schools 2016 Examination report was circulated.

ACTION: Director

37.3 UPDATE ON THE TRAINING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Committee noted the update which was circulated prior to the meeting.

It was agreed that this item will be included as an Agenda item after the Assistant Director of Lifelong Learning returns from overseas medical referral.

ACTION: Director

37.4 UPDATE ON KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN EDUCATION

The Committee noted the report and documentation which was circulated prior to the meeting; the Committee agreed that the document requires further work in regards to proof-reading and formatting.

A discussion was held in regards to UK Statutory Advice, and the Director agreed to check whether the UK Statutory Advice is relevant to St Helena; if it is not relevant the document will be used as guidance.

ACTION: Director

A discussion was held in regards to teaching standards and the necessity to ensure that all staff are aware of reporting and compliance within the standards expected.

The Committee also suggested that an interagency workshop should be formed to address parental concerns which have arisen in regards to Safeguarding.

The Committee suggested that advice in regards to boundary setting and discipline methods should be made provided to Parents and/or Guardians as the general public have expressed their frustration at receiving mixed messages.

ACTION: Director

It was agreed that a review of the document will be undertaken before being presented to the Committee for endorsement.

ACTION: Director

37.5 REVIEW OF EDUCATION ORDINANCE (2008)

The Committee noted the documents which were circulated prior to the meeting.

The Committee unanimously supported the proposal and it was therefore agreed that a sub-committee should be formed to meet weekly and review the ordinance.

The composition of the Sub-Committee would consist primarily of:

- The Director of Education & Employment Directorate
- Assistant Director of Schools
- Assistant Director of Lifelong Learning
- Chairperson of Education Committee

Other staff and/or professionals will be consulted as and when the need arise.

ACTION: Director

37.9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, 15 March 2017, at 09.00 hrs at the Education Learning Centre.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was closed at 11.20hrs.

Confirmed:

Honourable Corinda Essex

Date: 20 February 2017