

## NO 716

### Minutes 716 of the Education Committee meeting held at the Education Learning Centre on Wednesday, 18th February at 8.30am.

Present:	Hon. Christine Scipio O'Dean	Chairperson
	Hon. Nigel Dollery	Deputy Chairperson
	Hon. Derek Thomas	Member
	Hon. Corinda Essex	Member
	Mrs Kerry Yon	Ag Director of E & E
	Miss Cherilee Thomas	Secretary

Invited:	Mr Jon Lambdon	For Item 15.1
	Mr Andy Parkinson	For Item 15.2
	Mrs Beverly Tyson	For Item 15.3
	Miss Abby Kirk	For Item 15.9
	Ms Cynthia Bennett	For Item 15.9

Apologies:	Hon. Cyril George	Member
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## OPEN AGENDA

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

### 16.1 REPORT FROM MATHS ADVISORY TEACHERS: JON LAMBTON & ANDY PARKINSON

The Committee noted the report.

A member commented that it was unacceptable that a transitional period does not take place between staff; Ag Director will review.

ACTION: Ag Director

Concern was raised regarding disruptive behaviour during lessons at PAS and it was suggested that strategies needed to be put in place to deter this type of behaviour. It was noted that the Directorate was having difficulty with recruiting qualified Maths Staff for PAS. Mr Parkinson & Mr Lambdon were commended for doing a tremendous job under these circumstances.

The Ag Director, reported that there are plans to release a teacher from Harford Primary at the end of term 2A who could assist with teaching of Maths at PAS. The Committee was concerned that this transfer will be a short-term solution to the

island's problem and requested that a plan be presented to address this issue for the long-term.

ACTION: Ag Director & PAS Headteacher

Mr Parkinson informed the Committee that he had been presented with difficulties when going through the procurement process for the purchase of text books. He also reported that he had tried to make links with the Primary Schools through the Primary Advisor, Mrs Zoe Robinson but to date had not received a response. Ag Director to follow up with Assistant Director, Schools..

ACTION: Ag Director

The Chairperson thanked Mr Lambdon and Mr Parkinson for attending the meeting.

#### 16.2 REPORT FROM MARINE SCIENCE TEACHER, BEVERLY TYSON

The Committee noted the report.

Mrs Tyson reported that she had set up an O-Level for Marine Science and had commenced Taster Sessions which were positively received.

Mrs Tyson, also informed the committee that she was training Miss Annalene Young who she hoped would be her successor at the end of her contract.

The Chairperson thanked Mrs Tyson for a positive report and for attending the meeting.

#### 16.3 UPDATE ON THE LEARNING MENTOR ROLE – ABBY KIRK

The Committee noted the report. A summary of the students survey is to be circulated

ACTION: A Kirk

The Chairperson thanked Miss Kirk for attending the meeting

#### 16.4 YOUNG PEOPLES QUESTIONNAIRE – MS CYNTHIA BENNETT

The Committee noted the report.

The Committee requested that the survey be completed annually to provide trends and other relevant information.

A further survey will be carried in January 2016 which will be presented to the Committee in February 2016.

ACTION: Ms Bennett

The Chairperson thanked Ms Bennett for attending the meeting.

## 16.5 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES 715

### 15.2 REPORT FROM ADVISORY TEACHER TRAINER, CHRISTINE BLAKE

Ag Director informed the Committee that the Assistant Director (Schools) was reviewing the scheme of service proposal and it will be resubmitted to Human Resources once complete.

### 15.4 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME

It was noted that the Committee received a current list of maintenance for all schools however the Committee had requested a maintenance list for 2015-2016. Ag Director to circulate via email.

ACTION: Ag Director

### 15.5 MATH'S CURRICULUM

It was noted that the detailed report of Year of Math's' had still not been circulated;

It was agreed that a list of planned Maths activities within the Primary schools was to be circulated but these activities will not be branded as 'Year of Maths.' Ag Director to follow up.

ACTION: Ag Director

### 15.6 BUDGET 2014-2015

It was noted that the funding as per the Supplementary Appropriation Bill had been transferred to the Directorate by Corporate Finance.

### 15.7 BUDGET 2015-2016

The Ag Director informed the Committee that a table of suggestions for reductions within the budget and the likely impacts were submitted to Corporate Finance; to be circulated to the Committee.

ACTION: Ag Director

### 15.8 DFID ADVISORS REPORT

The Committee noted the report circulated and agreed that further work needs to be done; to be followed up by the new Director.

ACTION: Director

#### 15.9 SAFEGUARDING GUIDANCE

The Ag Director informed the Committee that the revisions to the Child Protection Guidance was on-going; to be deferred to the next meeting.

ACTION: Ag Director

#### 16.11 Date of next meeting –

25th March 2015 commencing at 09.00 at the Education Learning Centre

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting closed at 10.30am.



Confirmed:

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Cllr Christine Scipio-Odean