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Minutes 14 of the Education Committee meeting held at the Education Learning Centre on Wednesday, 21st January at 8.30am.

Present:	Hon. Christine Scipio O'Dean	Chairperson
	Hon. Nigel Dollery	Deputy Chairperson
	Hon. Cyril George	Member
	Hon. Derek Thomas	Member
	Hon. Corinda Essex	Member
	Mr. Colin Moore	Director of E & E
	Mrs Kerry Yon	Assistant Director (LL)
	Miss Cherilee Thomas	Secretary
Invited:	Mr. Bryan Germany	For Item 15.1
	Ms Christine Blake	For Item 15.2
	Ms Alison Laycock	For Item 15.3
	Mr. Paul Starkie	For Item 15.9
	Mrs. Penny Bowers	For Item 15.9
Apologies:	Mrs. Zoe Robinson	For Item 15.8

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

OPEN AGENDA

15.1 CHEMISTRY ADVISORY TEACHER, BRYAN GERMANY

The Director gave a brief introduction to the Advisory Teacher.

Mr Germany explained that he was a trained Chemistry & Physics teacher and provided an overview of his career.

Mr Germany informed the Committee that he aim to raise the profile of Science and is currently trying to gauge students' opinions on the importance of Science.

Mr Germany spoke of planned developments in Science for Key stage 3 that are relevant to St Helena and referenced good schemes of works that were already in place.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Germany for attending and wished him well. It was agreed that he would be invited to May's meeting to provide an update.

ACTION: Secretary

15.2 REPORT FROM ADVISORY TEACHER TRAINER, CHRISTINE BLAKE

The Committee noted the report.

It was noted that there are four initial teacher trainees in the primary sector and two in Secondary. It was also noted that three teachers will return to the island in September following UK training courses. A further two individuals are currently training to become teachers and will return to the island over the next two to three years.

The Committee raised their concern regarding improved salaries for teachers; Director will provide an update at the next meeting.

ACTION: Director

The Chairperson thanked Ms Blake for attending the meeting and it was agreed that a further update will be provided at May's meeting.

ACTION: Secretary

15.3 REPORT FROM ADVISORY TEACHER, ALISON LAYCOCK – REPORT ATTACHED

The Committee noted the report.

It was noted that French lessons had commenced in the primary schools as well as sessions with adults.

Ms Laycock was thanked for attending the meeting and commended for her efforts with promoting the language.

15.11 Date of next meeting –

18th February 2015 commencing at 08.30 at the Education Learning Centre

The Chairperson thanked Mr Colin Moore for his dedication and hard work during his time on island and wished him well for the future.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting closed at 10.45am.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Scipio-Odean', is written in a cursive style.

Confirmed:

Date: 12th February 2015

Cllr Christine Scipio-Odean