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Minutes 726 of the Education Committee meeting held at the Education Learning Centre on Wednesday, 20th January 2016 at 09.00hrs.

Present:	Hon. Christine Scipio-O'Dean	Chairperson
	Hon. Nigel Dollery	Deputy Chairperson
	Hon. Brian Isaac	Member
	Hon. Wilson Duncan	Member
	Hon. Corinda Essex	Member
	Mrs Kerry Yon	Acting Director
	Mrs Wendy Benjamin	Assistant Director Schools
	Miss Santana Fowler	Secretary
Apologies:	Mrs Shirley Wahler	Director
Invited:	Ms Fatima Basson	For Item 26.2
	Ms Melanie Dunn	For Item 26.2

OPEN AGENDA

26.1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairperson welcomed all present.

Apologies were received from the Director who is currently offshore.

26.2 TEACHER INTRODUCTION – MELANIE DUNN & FATIMA BASSON.

The Chairperson gave Ms Dunn and Ms Basson a brief introduction of the Committee, Ms Dunn & Ms Basson then gave a brief outline of their teaching background, the Committee were informed by Ms Dunn & Ms Basson that they felt the teaching on St Helena is different to that of South Africa which is proving to be a little difficult. They explained that in South Africa all planning is supplied by the Local Authority and Teachers are only required to gather resources and deliver their lessons.

The Chairperson thanked Ms Basson and Ms Dunn for attending and making themselves available for attending.

Ms Basson and Ms Dunn then left the meeting.

It was reported by Assistant Director, Schools that there is some concern regarding Ms Dunn, Ms Basson and Mr Snell as it is felt that they are not coping very well, however they will be monitored and helped by the relevant staff during this time.

Assistant Director, Schools will give an update to the Committee via email in February 2016.

ACTION: Assistant Director, Schools

26.3 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES 725.

REPORT FROM RETURNING GRADUATE TEACHERS.

Options for how to support the current scholarship candidates when they go abroad are still to be shared with the Scholarships Awards Committee for decision – making and action.

ACTION: Director

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

The final version of the Strategic Plan was circulated to the Committee, and it was stated that the document needed to include the correct number of pages on the front page and also that page numbers should be included.

ACTION: Acting Director

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY TERMS AND REFERENCE

The Acting Director informed the Committee, that the Friends of the Library Terms and Reference had been redrafted using a different template therefore no tracked changes were highlighted. Amendments are to be made by the Acting Director as per the discussions. The Acting Director will circulate the amended version via email.

ACTION: Acting Director

26.4 HOME SCHOOLING APPLICATION FORM

The Committee was circulated the form prior to the meeting.

The form was discussed and explained to the Committee by the Acting Director, amendments and additions were recommended for the Acting Director to follow through and then would circulate the amended version for information.

ACTION: Acting Director

The Committee requested that they are made aware when a home schooling application is approved.

ACTION: Acting Director

24.10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on:

16th March 2016 commencing at 09.00 hrs at the Education Learning Centre.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting closed at 11.15 hrs.

Confirmed:
Cllr Christine Scipio-Odean

Date: 23rd February 2016