

NO 724

Minutes 724 of the Education Committee meeting held at the Education Learning Centre on Wednesday, 21st October 2015 at 09.00hrs.

Present:	Hon. Christine Scipio-O'Dean	Chairperson
	Hon. Nigel Dollery	Deputy Chairperson
	Hon. Brian Isaac	Member
	Hon. Wilson Duncan	Member
	Mrs Shirley Wahler	Director
	Mrs Kerry Yon	Assistant Director Lifelong Learning
	Mrs Wendy Benjamin	Assistant Director Schools
	Mrs Cherilee Thomas-Johnson	Secretary
Apologies:	Hon. Corinda Essex	Member
Invited:	Mr. Christopher Snell	For Item 24.1
	Miss Zedella Young	For Item 24.3
	Miss Christine George	For Item 24.9
	Miss Joanne Crowie	For Item 24.9

OPEN AGENDA

24.1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairperson welcomed all present; a warm welcome was extended to Mr Christopher Snell and Miss Zedella Young.

Apologies were received from Hon Corinda Essex who was offshore.

The Director gave a brief introduction to Mr Christopher Snell who was currently teaching at Harford Primary School during the staffing crisis; Mr. Snell will move to his substantive post at Prince Andrew School when the substantive teacher arrives for Harford Primary.

24.2 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES 723

CLOSED AGENDA

REPORTS FROM HEADTEACHERS

The reviews of advisory teacher's roles are now completed. A meeting was held with all Advisory Teachers on Monday, October 19th, and featured a presentation and

discussion on the role of Advisory Teachers. The relevant points from the presentation were sent to the Committee via email.

PUBLIC LIBRARY OPERATIONS

The draft survey was circulated via email. Some typographical errors were pointed out and require amending.

ACTION: Director

The Terms of Reference for the establishment of a 'Friends of the St Helena Public Library' group will be discussed in November Committee meeting.

ACTION: Director

REPORT FROM RETURNING GRADUATE TEACHERS: LAURA LAWRENCE

This issue has been discussed with the Scholarships Committee and information has been provided by Corporate Human Resources regarding their proposed changes in awards to allow greater consistency with regards to support to scholarship students. The information provided from Corporate Human Resources sets out proposed changes in light of the operation of the airport and will need to be fully discussed by the Scholarships Committee. Education Senior Management Team has also discussed options for how to support the current scholarship candidates when they go abroad, and this will also be shared with the Scholarships Committee for decision-making and action.

ACTION: Director

BUDGET 16/17 – 18/19

Significant savings have been identified and discussed with the Financial Secretary. To be discussed further under Item 24.6 of the agenda.

24.3 REPORT FROM RETURNING STUDENT, MISS ZEDELLA YOUNG – REPORT ATTACHED

The Committee was circulated the presentation prior to the meeting.

The Committee congratulated Zedella on her achievements and wished her every success for the future.

Zedella was thanked for attending the meeting and left.

24.4 TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

The Committee was circulated a report prior to the meeting.

The Committee gave their full support for Teacher Appreciation Day on 6th November 2015 and in future years, this celebration will be timed to coincide with World Teachers day which is held annually on 5th October.

24.5 NEW SCHOOL ASSESSMENT

Members noted the school assessment that was presented to parents during the Primary schools PTA meeting.

24.10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on:

18 November 2015 commencing at 09.00 hrs at the Education Learning Centre.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting closed at 10.40 hrs.



Confirmed:
Cllr Christine Scipio-Odean

Date: 13 November 2015