Minutes 748 of the Education Committee Meeting at the Education Learning Centre held College on Wednesday, 16 May 2018 at 09.00hrs.

Present: Hon' Christine Scipio-O'Dean Chairperson

Hon' Kylie Hercules Deputy Chairperson

Hon' Corinda EssexMemberHon' Clint BeardMemberMrs Cherilee Thomas-JohnsonSecretary

Mrs Shirley Wahler Director of Education

Mrs Angela Benjamin Assistant Director of Lifelong Learning

Mrs Wendy Benjamin Assistant Director of Schools

Invited: Mrs Robyn Franconi Substantive Secretary

Mrs Penelope Bowers Headteacher, Prince Andrew School (Item 5)

Apologies: Hon' Brian Isaac Member

48.1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Education Committee. Apologies were received from Hon' Brian Isaac.

A warm welcome was extended to Mrs Penelope Bowers, Headteacher of Prince Andrew School who was in attendance for Item number 5 on the Agenda. A warm welcome was also extended to Mrs Robyn Franconi, the newly appointed Business Manager. Mrs Franconi will take on the role as Secretary to this Committee once appointed.

48.2 MATTERS ARISING

47.6 INCLUSION FACILITY

This matter is still be addressed; it was agreed that the Chairperson and Assistant Director of Schools would discuss the further, once the meeting was closed.

ACTION: Assistant Director of Schools/Chairperson

47.8 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS

It was noted that Prince Andrew School examination results had not been published via a Press Release; the Directorate had intended to share the results with the public

48.3 NURSERY PROVISION

The document was circulated prior to the meeting.

The Committee noted the report and after discussions agreed a change to the current Nursery admission procedures to support the teaching and learning experience for both teachers and

children. It was agreed to proceed with the second Option which would keep the current phased approach, for September and January. The Committee also stated that Children must be three years of age for admission to Nursery.

48.4 PROPOSAL FOR AGRICULTURE TRAINING

The document was circulated to the Committee prior to the meeting and was noted.

48.5 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN – PRINCE ANDREW SCHOOL

The School Improvement Plan was circulated to the Committee prior to the meeting.

The Committee were made aware of current challenges within the school:

This included issues which arose from the schools reliance on just one photocopier. It was suggested that Directorate needed to invest in a commercial Copier to cope with the school's needs. As a result, the school has looked into alternative ways of communicating with parents such as email.

The Headteacher informed the Committee of upcoming staffing issues which will affect the schools Maths and English Departments. There were also discussions in regards to potential staffing issues. The Committee advised all that they were aware of the staffing concerns and has therefore discussed the issues in a wider forum, with elected members. It was noted that further discussions would need to be held.

The Committee thanked Mrs Bowers for attending before she left the meeting.

48.8 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Education Committee will be held on Wednesday, 20 June 2018 commencing at 09.00 hours. This meeting will be held in the SHCC Hall.

There being no further items to discuss the meeting closed at 10.35hrs.

Hon' Christine Scipio-O'Dean Chairperson Education Committee Date: 13 May 2018