

The Educational Institute of Scotland Perth and Kinross Local Association

Minute of the 2007 A.G.M. of the Perth and Kinross Local Association held in the Dewars Rink, Perth, on **Thursday 1st March, 2007**, with the President, Mr Rod Dickson, in the chair.

Apologies were received from John Devine, Bill Henderson, Paul Philippou, Janet Ramsay.

The minutes of last year's AGM were approved.

The President's Report: R.Dickson reported a busy year for the local association. He thanked the members of the Executive for their efforts in keeping the work of the EIS locally going.

Secretary's Report: C.Mackie reported on the many issues tackled over the year.

He regretted the continuing reorganisation and changes of personnel within P&K E&CS. He paid tribute to Ian Mason and Len McConnell for their contributions to furthering education within P&K over many years.

There is a need for a commitment to a collegiate ethos within schools. Staff Consultative Committees are presently being reconstituted.

Dealing with individual members' issues takes up a considerable amount of the Secretary's time.

The Secretary thanked all members of the Executive for their support over his many years in office.

The Treasurer's Report: I.Scott (in the absence of the Treasurer) presented the audited accounts for the year 2005-06. The meeting approved the accounts.

Finance Committee: The following recommendations were approved: (i) The local levy should remain at the highest allowed level. (ii) Honoraria – to remain at present levels as increased last year.

The reappointment of the auditors was approved.

Benevolent Fund Correspondent: D.McFarlane reported on ongoing work. Two retired members now needed less assistance than previously.

J.N.C. Correspondent: A.McAuley reported on the following issues:-

A JNC subgroup considers incidents of violence and aggression. There are increasing physical assaults in Primary and verbal in Secondary. School support staff are often victims.

Mobile/ music player guidance has been issued to all schools.

III new school building project. Building work still not started, but near to financial close.

Secondary Management Restructuring. Looking at all aspects of pupil support: Guidance; Learning Support; Behaviour Support.

Reduction in Class Contact Time. Problems in Primary with provision of additional staff. Looking at 4 possible models to progress this.

Collegiality. Guidance on 35 hour week and CPD to be issued. Danger that exemplars become prescriptive. Important role for SCC's here.

Managing Sickness Absence. P&K likely to press this issue over the coming year. The EIS would welcome the appointment of a teacher welfare officer. Many teachers are still working in excess of 35hours per week.

Other issues arising over the year included:-

Use of fixed term contracts; Teacher precautionary suspension; Jobsizing; Appointment procedures for HT's and DHT's.

Health & Safety: G.Burns (in absence of W.Henderson) reporting:

Guidance on excursions was expected soon.

Concern at proper provision of computer workstations for teachers in order to use computers safely.

Election of Office-bearers:

The following were duly elected: President – Holly Conlon, Vice-President – Jennie Millar, Past President – Rod Dickson, Secretary – Colin Mackie, Assistant Secretary – Scott Peddie, JNC Correspondent – Audrey McAuley, Treasurer and Membership Secretary – Bill Henderson.

Election of Executive Committee:

The following were duly elected: Gordon Burns, John Devine, Alison MacKenzie, Doreen McFarlane, Duncan Munro, Paul Philippou, Janet Ramsay, Ian Scott, Steven Simpson. Trish Duncan and Douglas Stewart are members as representatives on EIS Council. Louise Reid has been elected but is due to move job outwith P&K.

Delegates to National A.G.M.:

The following were duly elected: Holly Conlon, Bill Henderson, Audrey McAuley, Jennie Millar, Steven Simpson. (Rod Dickson as reserve)

(Trish Duncan, Colin Mackie and Douglas Stewart attend as Council members.)

AOCB: Nil

The Meeting concluded at 7.50 p.m. with thanks to the chair.