

# The Educational Institute of Scotland Perth and Kinross Local Association

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Minute of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the Local Association held in the Queens Hotel, Perth, at 7 pm, **on Thursday, 24th February 2005**, with the President, Mr. Duncan Munro, in the chair.

1. **Sederunt:** V.Campbell, R.Dickson, W.Henderson, A.McAuley, A.MacKenzie, C.Mackie, D.Munro, S.Peddie, I.Scott, A.Webb.

D.McFarlane, Benevolent Fund Correspondent, G.Campbell, EIS Officer

2. **Apologies:** H.Conlon, T.Duncan, J.Ramsay, M.Swan.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** held on 18th January 2005 were approved.

#### 4. **Matters Arising:**

Management Restructuring. Pitlochry HS Business Manager post not yet filled. DHT posts currently being interviewed. There is likely to be a considerable settling in period for the new Deputes and Business Managers.

Primary Class Contact Time - the Secretary has now had a response from a Principal Teacher.

Primary phase 2 PT's - new job-sized salaries have now been calculated.

Long service Award Ceremonies - now on 1st, 3rd and 8th March.

9a7, 9a13) Donations authorised at last Executive have not yet been made due to the Treasurer having problems with our cheque supplier.

9a15) LNCT Review meeting- Executive agreed to nominate A.McAuley and C.Mackie as delegates.

#### 5. **Reports:**

(a) **EIS Council** (21st January) C.Mackie reporting:

Class sizes campaign - little progress with Scottish Executive. Discussions will continue, despite the current difficulties caused by staff shortages.

Members seeking legal representation must adhere to guidelines.

SNCT - an appeals committee is close to being established to resolve issues of non-agreement in LNCT's.

The Job-sizing toolkit was defended as being suitable to measure all teachers' responsibilities.

Classroom observation - an examination of current policy is being undertaken.

(b) **Perth & Kinross Lifelong Learning Committee** (23rd February) C.Mackie reporting:

"Ambitious, Excellent Schools". P&K has set up a Curriculum and Assessment Group in response to the Scottish Executive report.

Learning and Achievement visits by Director and Depute are to be extended to all schools to review performance on a regular basis.

Post inspection procedures. Will now have a public meeting with Headteacher, School Board Chair, Service Manager etc.

(c) **JNC** (31st January) A.McAuley reporting:

5-14 reporting format being revised.

Nominations to Monitoring Learning & Teaching working group - T.Duncan and A.McAuley nominated.

C.Mackie has been appointed onto the P&K self-evaluation group prior to impending HMI visit.

Discipline - concerns over recent media coverage. P&K looking at offsite provision for difficult pupils.

Reduction in class contact time in Primary Schools - only 2 schools now reliant on supply staff to fulfil this.

Issue of loans for staff to undertake CPD is to be looked at.

I.D. cards for teachers will be looked at.

(d) **School Estate Strategy Board** (18th February) C.Mackie reporting:

The two final bidders are now making presentations to schools.

Monitoring of facilities management at Auchterarder schools by P&K Leisure. Report presented - has concerns over community use of facilities needing extra funding over that determined by school roll alone.

(e) **Curriculum & Assessment Reference Group** (27th January) A.McAuley reporting:

This group is to prepare a policy for P&K, especially with respect to "Ambitious, Excellent Schools".

(f) **Treasurer's Report** W.Henderson reporting:

Problem with obtaining new cheques. Accounting software may need replacement.

The Treasurer will look to report in more detail on current balances to Executive meetings.

## **6. Nominations for Local Association Executive Committee.**

The Executive will have 3 vacancies. Marion Swan has indicated a desire to resign due to other commitments as of the AGM. The committee thanked her for her time on the Executive.

## **7. Role of Learning Representative** (T.Duncan absent)

T.Duncan has now been granted one day per week as Learning Representative. She is also being seconded for the remainder of the week on a health promotion strategy based in Blackfriars for 23 months.

## **8. Local Association Training:** 10th March

16 reps to attend (8 Primary, 8 Secondary). Focus on negotiating skills. Venue Queens Hotel.

## **9. Correspondence**

a2) W.Henderson to contact A.Taylor at P&K re. Health & Safety.

b4) Appointment of Business Managers should not result in a reduction in teaching staff.

c11) Letter from Annabelle Ewing supporting EIS position on Public Pension proposals.

c20) Suggestion of establishment of Independent Advocates at Breadalbane Academy to

assist parents and pupils with complaints against the school.

10. Date of Next Meeting:

AGM Thursday 3rd March 2005 Queens Hotel 7pm

Executive Meeting Wednesday 23rd March 2005 Queens Hotel 7pm

11. **A.O.C.B.**

Reminder: Retiral Dinner for Alastair Webb on Friday 4th March at 63 Tay Street restaurant.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9.05pm, with thanks to the chair.