

The Educational Institute of Scotland Perth and Kinross Local Association

Minute of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the Local Association held in the Dewars Rink, Perth, at 7 pm, on **Tuesday, 13th June 2006**, with the President, Mr Rod Dickson, in the chair.

1. Sederunt: G.Burns, H.Conlon, R.Dickson, T.Duncan, W.Henderson, A.McAuley, D.McFarlane, C.Mackie, D.Munro, S.Peddie, J.Ramsay, I.Scott, S.Simpson, D.Stewart.

G.Campbell, Local Officer

2. Apologies: J.Devine, A.MacKenzie, J.Millar.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 16th May 2006 were approved.

4. Matters Arising:

4)..... Suspensions. G.Campbell has recommended minor changes to the draft report, which will be accepted.

4)..... Establishing Reps. Asst. Secretary still to contact Kinross Primary to find a suitable meeting time.

5)a) The Secretary has written to reps regarding the collegiate hours exemplar. Agreements in schools should reflect local priorities.

7)a)3 Probationer recruitment. A provisional list of Secondary Probationers has been sent to EIS HQ.

5. Reports:

(a) P&K Lifelong Learning Committee (31st May) D.Stewart reporting:

C. Mackie paid tribute to I.Mason for his work on the JNC and the previous JCC.

Reduction in Class Contact Time – paper approved. Concern at lack of funding.

Employee Review & Development – to be an audit of the operation of this.

St.Fillans Primary School to close.

Fearnan Outdoor Centre to be sold. Kinloch Rannoch is to be upgraded.

(b) Secondary Management Restructuring Group (22nd May) A.McAuley reporting:

Draft action plan presented. By late June/ early July, most PT posts should have been filled.

Guidance – Review subgroup to report before 2007/08 timetabling is scheduled. However, new Lead Officer, Chris Webb, is not due in post until August.

(c) Primary Management Restructuring Group (19th May) H.Conlon reporting:

The options paper previously produced by the group was re-examined in the light of little finance being available. The EIS will still strive to have PT's established Expressive Arts and in Nursery.

(d) School Capacity Group (18th May) C.Mackie reporting:

Looking at capacities and rolls of all schools, especially with regard to reduction in class sizes.

(e) Meeting with Expressive Arts Teachers (5th June) C.Mackie reporting:

About 20-30 EA teachers present. Concern at how they will be deployed next year; differing discipline policies; not knowing pupils to report on; need for time for discussion with Head Teachers and Class Teachers; lack of meal times. Assessment and Reporting pressures will need to be monitored.

(f) School Collegiality Visits: various participants reporting:

Primary: contacts between Head Teachers and staff tend to be more frequent and less formal – often not minuted.

Secondary: situations vary widely.

C.Mackie to report to JNC in September.

(g) Treasurer's Report. W.Henderson reporting:

Estimated funds by end of Financial Year (31.8.06) likely to be £50,000.

Website manager to upgrade Dreamweaver software at a cost of approx. £400

6. Programme of Meetings 2006/07 (as previously agreed)

Wednesday 20th September Panel Meeting

Thursday 23rd November National President. Meal and talk.

Thursday 1st March Local AGM

Wednesday 25th April

Motions for the National AGM.

7. **Correspondence**

b1) Delay by P&K in investigating a harassment case.

b2) Questionnaire on agreement for 21st Century (McCrone)

b4) Meeting due on P&K redundancy policy.

8. **Date of Next Meeting:** Executive Meeting **Tuesday 29th August 2006** **Dewars Rinks** 7pm.

(Hay room, upstairs)

9. **AOCB**

EIS AGM. Little division at the conference – only 3 votes.

Council motion on class sizes carried. Possibility of ballot on industrial action if forthcoming ministerial report on class sizes is inadequate.

Forthcoming conference involving Learning Reps. – T.Duncan to attend.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 7.50pm, with thanks to the chair.