

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 Queens Hotel, Perth, at 7 pm, on **Tuesday, 27th March 2007**, with the President, Ms Holly Conlon, in the chair.

1. **Sederunt:** H.Conlon, J.Devine, R.Dickson, T.Duncan, A.McAuley, D.McFarlane, C.Mackie, J.Millar, D.Munro, S.Peddie, P.Philippou, J.Ramsay, D.Stewart. G.Campbell, Local Officer

Paul Philippou was welcomed on joining our Executive Committee.

2. **Apologies:** W.Henderson, A.MacKenzie, I.Scott, S.Simpson.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meetings** held on 22nd February and 1st March 2007 were approved.
4. **Matters Arising:**

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4)4(7a11) Probationer Recruitment. Local EIS recruitment now at 68% - a high value due to personal attention from Executive members and school reps.

6 Nominees to AGM. S.Simpson has withdrawn from the delegation. R.Dickson will take his place.

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4 Election of interim Secretary. Following advice from EIS HQ, nominations are now to be sought from all members locally by Friday 20th April. Result should be known by Tuesday 15th May.

5. **Reports:**

- (a) **EIS Council** (9th March) T.Duncan reporting:

Class size petition successful – to be submitted to the Scottish Parliament.

Class size reductions. It is believed that normal maxima should remain at 20 in S1/S2 English and Maths; 25 in P1. Numbers above this should be with the agreement of teachers and parents.

The 1% of subscriptions given to development work overseas is to be increased.

The Education Minister has initiated a review of the Chartered Teacher programme. The EIS Education Committee will have a member on this review group.

A risk assessment guidance paper has been produced. There will be a summary in the Journal and more information on the national website.

A salary increase of 2.25% to be implemented on 1st April. No further increase to be paid despite the relevant index exceeding the threshold

(b) P&K Lifelong Learning Committee (28th February) C.Mackie reporting:

St.Fillans Primary school building is to be sold.

Fairview school is to be name of new ASN campus on Academy site.

Parental involvement in appointments. EIS concerned at lack of consultation with teachers' side of JNC on this.

Revised capacities for all Primary schools to be phased in. This will lead to reductions in capacity, with Abernethy, Craigie, Guildtown, Invergowrie, Kinnoull primaries especially affected.

Inspection reports on Crieff HS and a follow up report on Balbeggie PS presented.

(c) JNC (26th March) A.McAuley reporting:

No sampling of schools to take place this session on collegiality.

Need to look at relationship between PT's Music with Instructors in relation to job-sizing.

Possible SEED review of job-sizing toolkit.

Mobile technologies – schools to be asked for their policies on phone misuse.

Sickness absence group to be set up. W.Henderson to be part of this group.

A further survey of teacher opinion to be undertaken.

Incidents of violence and aggression. Need for extra provision for pupils most involved in these. eIS wish a working group to be set up.

Teaching staff transfer policy agreed.

Staff Consultative Committees – draft paper on remit, membership and operation. Discussion on pro-rata representation of professional institutions, but original paper agreed.

Interviews imminent to recruit extra teachers of English/Maths due to RCCT.

Pupil support review – concern at lack of group meetings and that proposals are only coming from P.McAvoy himself.

(d) JNC subgroup (23rd February) A.McAuley reporting:

Occupational stress welfare management. Teachers still pushing for a dedicated welfare officer for teachers.

(e) School Estate Strategy Board (23rd February and 27th March) C.Mackie reporting:

IIL project. Negotiations on Axiom's additional costs. Further slippage on financial close.

Emergency Council meeting tomorrow (28/3) to discuss IIL project.

(f) School Estate Management Board (19th March) C.Mackie reporting:

Ongoing consideration of school capacities and catchment areas.

(g) Reduction in Class Contact Time Meeting (2nd March) C.Mackie reporting:

Responses from consultation in Primary schools – option “D” preferred.

Recruitment of additional PE staff underway, but Probationer allocation will not be known until May.

A separate group is looking at PE provision in Primary schools.