

# 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 Algo Business Centre, Perth, at 7 pm, on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2008**, with the President, Mr Duncan Munro, in the chair.

1. **Sederunt:** G.Burns, J.Devine, T.Duncan, W.Henderson, A.McAuley, S.MacKinnon, J.Millar, D.Munro, S.Peddie, C.Rose, I.Scott, D.Stewart, T.Summers.

2. **Apologies:** H.Conlon, A.MacKenzie. G.Campbell, Local Officer

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** held on 28<sup>th</sup> October were approved.

4. **Matters Arising:**

5a) SEEMIS – e-mail any in-school problems to D.Stewart

8 AOCB T.Duncan looking into dates for CPD drop-in sessions

Absence Procedures – C.Rose has not yet been contacted.

Secretary's newsletter had not found its way into many schools. To resend.

Honorarium for Secretary to be backdated to his appointment in August 2007

5. **Reports:**

(a) **Lifelong Learning Committee** (29<sup>th</sup> October) D.Stewart reporting:

Concern at reading and writing attainment in P3 across P&K.

School admissions policy to be examined.

(b) **IIL Project Staffing Issue meeting** (14<sup>th</sup> November) D.Stewart reporting:

Glenearn Road campus – Head Teacher appointment to be open. This could leave existing HT's vulnerable.

(c) **Time off for Union Duties meeting** (19<sup>th</sup> November) A.McAuley reporting:

C.Webb felt time off for Union duties should be pro-rata for all unions. D.Stewart and A.McAuley said much of the time off given to EIS members was for JNCT/Lifelong Learning Committee duties.

It was felt that senior management within P&K did appreciate the cooperative working with Union representatives. Concern that gaining further time for Learning Reps is on hold meantime.

**(d) JNCT (25<sup>th</sup> November) A.McAuley reporting:**

Shared headships. PT posts now being leeted for the schools being piloted.

Mobile Technologies draft report – seen by D.Stewart and A.McAuley. Now includes advice on Social Networking sites. To go to ICT Reference group and JNC sub-group.

Glow update (online community). Mentors to be appointed in schools early in 2009.

Investment In Learning (IIL) update: now to be called Community Campuses.

**(e) Career Breaks Procedures (26<sup>th</sup> November) D.Stewart reporting:**

Considering effect of a promoted post holder returning after more than 2 years and how they would be deployed within P&K to a post of equivalent status.

**(f) Lifelong Learning Sub-committee (27<sup>th</sup> November) D.Stewart reporting:**

Considering various Inspection reports on schools.

**(g) EIS Council (28<sup>th</sup> November) T.Duncan reporting:**

Renfrewshire teachers are having an indicative ballot on action over class size maxima of 20 in English and Maths in S1 and S2.

Concern at budget cuts in some local authorities. EIS to continue to campaign on class sizes.

5-14 National Assessments – EIS pressing for these to be withdrawn by December 2008.

Curriculum for Excellence – advice to members to be issued soon.

Appointment to posts in Denominational schools – clarification over the position of Probationers and Support Staff needed.

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

Accounts for last year with Auditors.

Co-signatories for cheques. D.Stewart and J.Devine to be added to W.Henderson as signatories.

Current balance approx. £65,000.

**6. 2009 AGM delegates and arrangements**

P&K Local Association will have 3 Council members plus 6 elected delegates.

**7. Classroom Observation – information for EIS Education Committee**

The Secretary has sent the P&K protocol to EIS HQ and also notified them of management visits outwith these arrangements e.g. “Learning Walks”. Members of Executive to inform the Secretary if they are aware of any instances of anomalous practice.

**8. Nominations for the STUC Congress 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2009, Perth**

Agreed to nominate T.Duncan for one of the EIS places.

**9. Perth & Kinross representative to EIS National Headteachers’ Conference 27<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

J.Devine to act as Secondary rep but a Primary rep is needed.

**10. JNCT representation: replacement for Gordon Burns**

C.Rose nominated.

**11. Correspondence**

a11) The National President has thanked the LA for an enlightening visit.

a15) A lower level of Probationer recruitment to the EIS in P&K this year compared to last.

b7) D.Stewart has attended a demonstration of the recruitment portal for posts in P&K. Some concerns about its operation in terms of P&K being able to access incomplete forms.

b14) Replacement for Janet Ramsay on P&K Educational Trust. A.MacKenzie nominated.

c9) School Working Time agreements should be agreed by SCC’s and have the Collegiate calendar attached when submitted.

c11) A.McAuley has been appointed Secondary rep on P&K Lifelong Learning Committee. There were no other nominations.

**12. Date of Next Meeting:**

Executive Meeting  
7pm

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2009 Algo Business Centre

**13. AOCB.**

Website Manager: Mike Conlon has expressed an interest in taking over this role when I.Scott steps down.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 8.40pm, with thanks to the chair.