

## **Belfast Education and Library Board**

### **Education Committee**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Education Committee held on Thursday  
21 June 2012 at 2.00 pm in the Boardroom, 40 Academy Street, Belfast**

**Members Present** Mrs Dinah MacManus (Chairperson)  
Rev Dr Norman Hamilton, Mr Alastair Mackay,  
Miss Rosemary Rainey

**Apologies** Mr Stephen Cumper, Mr Gerry McMahan,  
Mr Ciaran O'Grady

<b>In Attendance</b>	Mr Gavin Boyd	Chief Executive
	Mr Gerry McGuinness	Senior Education Officer
	Mr Paul Lawther	ASEO (CASS)
	Mrs Jill Trotter	ASEO (C&YPS)
	Mr Trevor Murphy	ASEO (Youth Service)
	Mr William McIntaggart	Head of Property Services
	Mr Mark Batchelor	Development Planning Unit Manager

The chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and extended the board's condolences to John Martin on the recent death of his son.

#### **E53 Declaration of Interests by Members**

The chief executive asked that the meeting record that he is a seconded civil servant and not an employee of the board.

There were no other declarations of interest.

#### **E54 Minutes of the Education Committee held on 17 May 2012**

On the proposal of Rosemary Rainey, seconded by Alastair Mackay, it was agreed that the minutes of the education committee of 17 May 2012, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the chairperson.

#### **E55 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Education Committee held on 17 May 2012**

There were no matters arising.

**E56 Chairperson's Business****.1 NICCY – Participation Policy Statement of Intent**

The senior education officer drew members' attention to a tabled letter from NICCY regarding its Participation Policy Statement of Intent. The meeting discussed the letter and paper and it was agreed that board officers would seek a meeting with NICCY staff to advise them of the many models of participation that presently operate in schools and youth clubs before further consideration is given to this request.

**.2 Corpus Christi College**

The senior education officer spoke to a circulated paper which provided members with information regarding the proposal from the Board of Governors of Corpus Christi College to reduce from a dual site to a single site from 1 September 2012 or as soon as possible thereafter.

The meeting noted the contents of the paper and the support provided to the school by the board to facilitate this transition.

**.3 Birthday 2012 Honours**

The meeting noted the following Birthday Honours which had been awarded to staff in schools and education services:-

Mr Johnny Graham, Principal, Belfast Girls' Model School	OBE
Mr Reg Magowan, Chairperson, Board of Governors Grosvenor Grammar School	MBE
Mr James Lunn, Caretaker, Park School	BEM
Mrs Anne Rankin, Youth Worker, Glencairn Youth Initiative	BEM

Members extended their congratulations to all those who had received their awards for services to education and youth services.

**.4 Appointment and Noting of Governors**

The meeting agreed to note the circulated list of governors appointed to serve on school Boards of Governors for the 4 year period 2009 – 2013.

**E57 Curriculum Advice and Support Service (CASS) - Update**

The assistant senior education officer (CASS) spoke to a circulated paper which provided the meeting with an update on the curriculum advice and support service and on recent inspection reports on:-

Orangefield High School	Report of an interim follow-up visit by ETI March 2012
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Education by Choice Centre Bridge Community Association	Report of a follow-up inspection January 2012
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Evaluation of the Induction Programme for Beginning Teachers by ETI November 2011

The meeting noted the contents of the inspection reports.

**Development Proposal No 213 – St Gemma’s High School – Proposal to Close**

In response to a request from CCMS, and on the proposal of Rosemary Rainey, seconded by Alastair Mackay, the meeting agreed to publish Development Proposal No 213 to the effect that:

*St Gemma’s High School, Belfast, will close with effect from 31 August 2013 or as soon as possible thereafter.*

**Teaching Appointments Committee**

The committee extended its thanks and that of Board of Governors to all the CASS officers who carry out the preparation for the Teaching Appointments Committee by supporting and advising governors in the interview for principals’ and vice-principals’ posts which are held in schools.

**E58 Children and Young People’s Services (CYPS) – Update**

The assistant senior education officer (CYPS) spoke to a circulated paper which provided members with an update on children and young people’s services and included:-

- Education by Choice Centre, The Bridge Community Association, Belfast;
- DE SEN Capacity Building Early Years Project;
- SEN and Inclusion Policy Proposals Paper – Minister’s Presentation to the Committee for Education, 16 May 2012; and
- Glenveagh/Oakwood

Members discussed and noted the contents of the papers.

#### **E59 Youth Service - Update**

The assistant senior education officer (youth service) spoke to circulated and tabled papers and inspection report which included information on:-

- Youth Service Annual Budget Allocations 2012-2013; and
- Report of an Education and Training Inspectorate Inspection in Matt Talbot Youth Centre, February 2012.

The meeting agreed to note the contents of the papers:

- Summer Youth Intervention Programme Funding 2012;
- Community Relations Equality and Diversity; and
- Youth Service Capital 2012 – 2013.

On the proposal of Alastair Mackay, seconded by Rosemary Rainey, members approved the above papers.

#### **E60 Area Based Plan**

The head of property services and the development planning unit manager spoke to a circulated draft area based plan for post-primary education.

The meeting noted the timescale for area plans as follows:-

- area plans should be made available from Thursday 5 July 2012;
- consultation period will run from 5 July until 26 October 2012; and
- a letter issued to all post primary schools before the end of term to highlight the launch date.

The meeting discussed the area based plan for post-primary education.

Board members expressed their concern that the current lack of representation of local councillors on the board has adversely affected the ability of the board to sufficiently reflect local community issues during

the area planning process. The board considers that it would be inappropriate to make decisions and recommendations in the absence of participation by public representatives.

It was agreed that there would be consultation with political representatives regarding area based plans and they would be asked to provide their comments/responses in writing.

It was also agreed that the options in the post-primary plan for Orangefield High School would be redrafted to include the Grammar Schools (Wellington College and Grosvenor Grammar) within East Belfast and Castlereagh cluster of schools and that there would be consultation with SEELB.

Members thanked all the officers involved in drafting the area based plans and in gathering all of the information and data that had been included in these extensive pieces of work.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 4.14 pm.

**Chairperson:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_