

BOARD OF EDUCATION, (BoE), MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held at Sark School on **Tuesday 26th February** at 5.30pm

Present: The Seigneur, Christopher Beaumont (CB), Chair;
Paul Armorgie (PA), Vice Chair
Rev. Karen Le Mouton (KleM)
Lorraine Southern (LS)
Beverley Gates (BG) Director of Education (phone)

Zoe Adams (ZA) School Administrator

1. Welcome

CB welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

It was discussed that the Board broadly discuss the agenda as set before the visit of BG as the meeting with her was basically training for Governors.

3. Matters arising from minutes

ZA needs to find out how to do a conference call as PM could have joined the meeting by phone had the facility been available.

4. Apologies

From Pauline Mallinson.

5. Pecuniary Interests

Pecuniary interests remain unchanged from the last meeting.

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Update

The school has been doing a trial of duolingo following the departure of V. Blonds Roques in classes 2 and 3. Not all children chose to do French – 1 in class 3 doing Chinese, 1 doing Korean, some German and some Spanish. Duolingo is free and good progress has been made in the last three weeks. Language provision has been reduced to 1 hour per week instead of 2 and the other hour given over to PE. Class 1 has been doing a half hour of French and a half hour of phonics.

BG – school should offer conversation in any MFL offered and thought needs to be given to what MFL are taught in Guernsey schools so as to make for an easy transition for pupils. Les Beaucamps and Blanchelande both offer French as a compulsory Key Stage MFL with year 11 also being offered German.

PA suggested that one MFL taught well would be better than many different MFL taught less well.

ACTION CB proposed that all pupils just do French, seconded by PA. CB will thank CH for his trial of Duolingo but following a unanimous vote in favour of French by the Board, he will request that CH focus on French throughout the school.

6. Policies

ACTION – CB (via ZA) will send the current policies out to the members of the Board for review.

7. Premises Update

PA confirmed that he has spoken to Dave Cocksedge re the fence around the playing field and Sports Club will be arranging for it to be fully repaired.

PA will ensure that he completes a full walkabout around the premises and will complete a full report for the Board.

BG said she had asked CH to implement a daily basic risk assessment of premises, incl field to check all good, and field clear. (Some cans of beer were previously discovered in the hedge). This will be signed off on a checklist prior to children going outside during school time.

8. Enrichment Update

All going well. CB reported that he had observed a very productive and enjoyable Knitting class happening.

9. Finance Update

No one on the Board has replaced MN in this position yet but it is hoped that a new Conseiller (not on Ed Comm) could take this on. A new member will be proposed at the next Chief Pleas meeting.

10. SEN Update

BG observed Lara working with one SEN child and noted that this child had made great advances, speech and language having moved on by 2/3 years in just a few months.

11. Website Update

CB commented that the new school website is up and running and it is lively and more grown up than the previous site. ZA to check with CH weekly to see what needs updating/uploading.

CH will have daily editorial control and the Board and BG will do spot checks to ensure all going well and that content is appropriate and in keeping with the school ethos.

CB suggested that LS approach Chamber of Commerce to see if they might be happy to sponsor the site as there is an annual cost of around £100.

ACTION LS to approach CoC by letter.

12. Director of Education Update

BG gave a verbal report of visit to the Board, prior to sending out her written report. This will be circulated to the Board as soon as possible.

13. New School Calendar of Visits/Observations, etc

BG put this together with the Board during her visit.

It clarifies who should do what and when throughout the year.
ACTION ZA to send out a glossary of terms to all the Board.

14.Income Generation

To be put back on the agenda for the next meeting.

15.Any Other Business

CH has asked for permission to go on a couple of school trips.

- 1). To Guernsey with Cl. 2 & 3 for Guernsey Liberation Day on Thursday 9th May.
- 2). To Jersey with Cl. 2 & 3 from 1 – 3 May with 4 staff and 1 parent volunteer. They plan to visit Durrell, the theme of the trip being Science and Tourism.

CB proposed approval of both trips, seconded by KleM. The Board voted unanimously in favour of both trips.

ACTION CB to write to CH to confirm permission.

LS informed the Board that representatives from Paws for Support will be coming to Sark this coming Monday (4 March) to assess Otis and will be coming in to Assembly at 11am to see the children. She invited the Board to attend.

Date of Next Meeting

To be confirmed once CB has discussed the Ed Comm meeting date with PM.

Close of meeting

The meeting was closed at 6.40pm

