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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EDUCATION COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 7th NOVEMBER AT 10:00AM AT THIE SLIEAU WHALLIAN
AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

Present:	Julie Edge, MHK	Minister for Education, Sport and Culture
	Graham Kinrade	Chief Executive Officer
	Alex Downie	Education Council Member
	Peter Whiteway	Education Council Member
	Joff Whitten	Education Council Member
	Leslie Foster	Education Council Member
	Margaret Mansfield	Education Council Member
	Malgoratza Simpson	Education Council Member
	Barbara Brereton	Education Council Member
	Kelly Quaye	Education Council Member
	Janet Bailey	Education Council Member

In attendance: Emma Harmer Private Secretary to the Minister

Apologies: Carol Glover Education Council Member

Minute Number	Item	Action
[019/22]	Declarations of interest or conflict There were no declarations of interest or conflict noted.	[OFFICER INITIALS]
[020/22]	Minutes of the meeting of 29th June 2022 The minutes of the meeting held on 29 th June 2022 were recorded as a true and accurate record of the meeting and were signed by the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture.	
[021/22]	Matters arising – Review of action points from the meeting held on 29th June 2022; The action log was reviewed and updated.	
[022/22]	Education Policy for Consideration a) Terms of Reference It was agreed that the draft terms of reference would remain as draft until such a time that Education Council Members had been consulted by the Governing Bodies Task and Finish Group. b) Education Council Regulations It was agreed that the Education Council Regulations would not be reviewed until such a time that Education Council Members had been consulted by the Governing Bodies Task and Finish Group.	

[023/22]

School Issues to be raised with the Department

Election of Chairs for Governing Bodies

LF asked if candidates for chair should provide a manifesto when running for election. The Chief Executive Officer confirmed that this was the case. MM agreed.

The Chief Executive Officer stated that this would be followed up with the Head of Business Support and reviewed by the Governing Bodies Task and Finish Group.

PW noted that a Chair should only be in appointment for 1 year and that this was not always being adhered to. It was noted that all schools should be complying with the instruments of government, and this would be re-iterated to Head teachers.

EH

Staff Appointments

MS requested that guidance on staff appointments be shared to the MS teams channel.

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Disciplinary Hearings

JF raised that currently there is a lack of consistency of disciplinary hearings in schools. BB asked if guidance on disciplinary procedures could be shared with the Education Council. This was agreed, and EH would upload this to the Education Council Teams Channel.

EH

QE2 STEM Block

MS requested an update on the QE2 STEM block. Minister Edge provided an update. It was noted that a Planning issue with the maple tree on the site had resulted in an increase in cost. It was noted that the business case was currently with Treasury for consideration.

CRHS new school

MM requested an update on the plans for the new Castle Rushen High School. It was noted that the Department's proposals would be submitted to the Council of Ministers subject to treasury concurrence.

Reduced timetables

MM asked if there should be a formal letter issued to parents once a reduced timetable had been agreed. The Chief Executive Officer confirmed that decisions such as these should be followed up in writing.

[024/22] Department Updates

Industrial Dispute

The Chief Executive Officer provided an update on the current industrial dispute. It was noted that there had yet to be a formal notification of NASUWT's planned strike action to the Department and that contingency planning of educational settings was underway.

Raising Attainment with Wellbeing

PW asked if the conference could be streamed through teams. The Chief Executive Officer agreed to look into this.

Pastoral Support workers

GK noted that new positions were currently being recruited in schools for pastoral support workers.

[025/22] Any other business

Meeting times

Minister Edge asked Education Council Members if they were content with meetings moving from Wednesday afternoons to Monday mornings. All members agreed that the new time was agreeable. It was further agreed that meeting dates for 2023, would be held in March and July.

Clarification of point of contact for queries

The Chief Executive Officer stated that Education Council Members should approach the Head of Policy and Legislation, Lizzie Keefe with any school queries.

Health and Safety

Health and Safety walk arounds were discussed. It was noted that this was an annual requirement for governing bodies.

[026/22] Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Education Council will be held on Monday 6th March at 10am.

The meeting closed at 12.00pm



**Hon. Julie Edge MHK
Minister for Education, Sport and Culture**

07/11/2022