

Department of Education, Sport & Culture Education Council Meeting Minutes

Date	27 th March 2019	Time	10.00am	Location	Conference Room, Hamilton House
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Attendees	
Mrs Marlene Maska, MLC	Department Member
Professor Ronald Barr	Chief Executive Officer
Mrs Louise Strickett	Education Council Member
Mr Robin Turton	Education Council Member
Mrs Barbara Brereton	Education Council Member
Mr Ray Smith	Education Council Member
Mr Steven Bevan	Education Council Member
Mr Alex Downie	Education Council Member
Mr Andrew Shipley	Legal and Administration Manager
Apologies	
Mr Graham Cregeen, MHK	Minister for Education, Sport and Culture
Mrs Ann Corlett, MHK	Department Member
Mrs Malgorzata Simpson	Education Council Member
Mrs Diane Brown	Education Council Member
Mrs Margaret Mansfield	Education Council Member

AGENDA ITEMS

1	<p>Apologies for Absence Mr Graham Cregeen (MHK) Minister for Education, Sport and Culture; Mrs Ann Corlett, MHK; Education Council Members Mrs Malgorzata Simpson, Mrs Diane Brown and Mrs Margaret Mansfield offered their apologies for the Education Council Meeting.</p>
2	<p>Presentation from Joel Smith, School Improvement Advisor on the Behaviour Review, instigated in December 2017</p> <p>A presentation about the Behaviour Review, instigated in December 2017 was delivered by Mr Joel Smith to attendees; the presentation is to be distributed to members in due course.</p> <p>Following the presentation discussion took place about the analysis of the figures on suspensions and the challenges faced when analysing pupil data, including data protection and the inclusion of children who receive numerous suspensions.</p> <p>Consideration was given to the differences between the education system in England and the Isle of Man in terms of how suspensions are dealt with. The data about pupils with SEN was discussed and potential implications of the Equality Bill.</p> <p>The CEO acknowledged the encouraging nature of the presentation and thanked Mr Smith for the continued work undertaken into the matter. The CEO recognised the work undertaken by various individuals that contributed to the review, and the work currently being undertaken into anti-bullying. Discussion around a holistic approach,</p>

	<p>involving multi-agencies to combat issues faced as a consequence of challenging behaviours took place.</p> <p>Opportunities for young people to undertake work experience and vocational learning routes was discussed, principally regarding pupils who display challenging behaviours in mainstream school. It was recognised there are options currently in place for young people and consideration was given to the possibility of increasing opportunities' for young people within the private sector.</p>	
3	<p>Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting held on 28th November 2018 Minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2018 were agreed after minor amendments as an accurate record and signed as such by Mrs Marlene Maska, MLC.</p>	
4	<p>MATTERS ARISING – From minutes dated 28th November 2018</p> <p>Update on £500 waiver - The Legal and Administration Manager and CEO explained the process and the reasons behind the £500 limit, including considering financial regulations. Members felt this was too limiting on schools and would like to increase the limit.</p> <p>Pressure on school administrators – The CEO acknowledged that school administrators now have to undertake more tasks including issues with Data Subject Access Requests and Freedom of Information Requests. These increased responsibilities are across all Government Departments.</p> <p>Update on Education Bill – It was reported that the DESC Corporate Services team are currently processing and analysing the results of the consultation. The CEO shared that meetings have also taken place with various parties following on from the consultation.</p> <p>The Department and Secondary Headteachers have met to discuss the Bill in further detail, and the Department is due to meet with Primary Head representatives to discuss their views. Discussion took place surrounding the differences between primary and secondary legislation related to the Education Bill.</p> <p>Pupil Premium update – The CEO shared that the scheme is progressing well. Consideration is currently taking place as to how to identify the right pupils without attaching a stigma to them. The CEO is to provide an update at a future meeting.</p> <p>IGCSE Maths – The CEO explained a commitment to IGCSE's has been made and provision is to remain consistent across island schools until the end of this administration in 2/3 years. The Department support the continued use of a letter grading system that is consistent and recognisable to employers and parents.</p>	
5	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Deferred Financial Management (DFM) for pupils with Special Educational Needs (SEN) - The CEO confirmed it is due for implementation in September 2019, following a trial run. The CEO explained when DFM is in place it will be monitored to assess how well it is working, and the Department would support schools financially if</p>	

necessary.

Education Council Members Expenses – Clarity was sought as to how regularly Education Council Member Expenses claim forms should be submitted. The Legal and Administration Manager confirmed expenses claims should be submitted following two meetings or at least once a month.

Update from CEO on Teacher’s Pay- Discussion took place regarding teachers pay. The CEO shared that it is subject to further consideration and the Department is keen to have matters resolved.

Deputy Montfort Tadier visit – Mrs Maska, MLC shared the positive feedback received following a visit from Deputy Montfort Tadier, Member of Parliament for Jersey. This included his positive view of the island’s schools provision of music, language and culture.

Special Olympics- Congratulations were shared for the Isle of Man Special Olympics Team which recently represented the Island in Abu Dhabi and Dubai. Recognition was also given to the work of Mrs Corlett, MHK who represented the Department at the Special Olympics and to the team support network that enabled their participation at the event.

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