

Northern Ireland Assembly Committee for Education MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2015 DRUMRAGH INTEGRATED COLLEGE, OMAGH

Present:

Michelle McIlveen MLA (Chairperson)
Trevor Lunn MLA
Robin Newton MLA
Sandra Overend MLA

In Attendance:

Peter McCallion (Assembly Clerk)
Paula Best (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Kevin Marks (Clerical Supervisor)
Alicia Muldoon (Clerical Officer)

Apologies:

Danny Kinahan MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Jonathan Craig MLA
Chris Hazzard MLA
Nelson McCausland MLA
Maeve McLaughlin MLA
Seán Rogers MLA
Pat Sheehan MLA

The meeting commenced in public session at 10.26am. The Committee did not have a decision-making quorum. In the absence of a decision-making quorum, proceedings continued in line with Standing Order 49(5).

1. NEELB Report – Serious Road Accident – confidential written briefing

The Committee deferred consideration of the written briefing.

2. Inquiry into the Education and Training Inspectorate and the School Improvement Process – further response from the Department of Education

The Committee deferred consideration of the Departmental response.

3. NI Teachers' Pension Scheme – secondary legislation

The Committee deferred consideration of the relevant secondary legislation.

4. Apologies

Apologies were as indicated above.

5. Chairperson's Business

5.1 Budget 2015-16

The Chairperson reminded Members that the Committee was to receive a Ministerial briefing on 4 March 2015 on the 2015-16 budget.

6. Minutes of previous meeting

The Committee deferred consideration of the minutes of 18 February 2015.

7. Matters Arising

The Committee deferred consideration of Matters Arising relating to the EU Commission Work Programme and the Education Authority Final Business Case.

8. Correspondence

The Committee deferred consideration of a number of items of correspondence.

9. Draft Forward Work Programme

The Committee deferred consideration of its Forward Work Programme.

10. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

11. Date, Time, Place of Next Meeting

The Committee will meet again on Tuesday 3 March 2015 at 3.30pm in the Room 29, Parliament Buildings.

12. Inquiry into Shared and Integrated Education – Speedwell Trust

The witnesses joined the meeting at 10.28am.

Eamon McClean, Manager, Speedwell Trust; Eric Reaney, Trustee, Speedwell Trust; Libby Robinson, Principal, Edwards Primary School, Castlederg and Brian McGurk, Principal, St Patrick's Primary School, Castlederg briefed the Committee as part of the inquiry into Shared and Integrated Education.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

The witnesses left the meeting at 11.25am.

13. Inquiry into Shared and Integrated Education – Drumragh Integrated College

The witnesses joined the meeting at 11.26am.

Nigel Frith, Principal, Drumragh Integrated College; Caen Fahy, Sixth Form Student, Drumragh Integrated College; Cara Monaghan; Sixth Form Student, Drumragh Integrated College and Zara Hemphill, Sixth Form Student, Drumragh Integrated College briefed the Committee as part of the inquiry into Shared and Integrated Education.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

The witnesses left the meeting at 12.10pm

The meeting was adjourned at 12.11pm

Michelle McIlveen Chairperson, Committee for Education 4 March 2015