

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**EDUCATION COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6 MAY 2004 AT 1100 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Tommy Farrell, Jim O'Neill, Daniel Coffey, Drew McIntyre, Iain Linton, John Campbell, John Knapp, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Jimmy Kelly, Neil McGhee, Eric Ross, Elaine Dinwoodie, Elaine Stewart and Jimmy Carmichael; Church Representative: Dr Ivy Barclay; Teacher Representative: Iain Harvey.

ATTENDING: John Mulgrew, Executive Director of Educational and Social Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Euan Couperwhite, Head of Resource Support; Graham Short, Head of Service: Quality Improvement; and Sharon McHarg, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Maureen McKay, Stephanie Young, Brian Reeves, Willie Coffey, Provost Jane Darnbrough, Church Representative: Rev John Taylor and Parent Representative: George Hammersley.

CHAIR: Councillor Tommy Farrell, Chair.

CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT: PROPOSED RATIONALISATION OF ST JOSEPH'S ACADEMY, CUMNOCK CAMPUS

1. There was submitted a report dated 24 April 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which proposed that the approved merger of the Cumnock Campus with the Kilmarnock Campus of St Joseph's Academy take place in August 2004, or as soon as possible thereafter, as an alternative to August 2006, or as soon as possible thereafter, as previously approved by the Council and the Scottish Executive.

Councillor Farrell, seconded by Councillor Stewart moved:-

- (i) to adopt, for the purpose of consultation, the proposal that the approved rationalisation of the Cumnock Campus into the Kilmarnock Campus of St Joseph's Academy take place in August 2004 or as soon as possible thereafter as an alternative to August 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter as previously agreed;
- (ii) that interested parties be invited to make written or electronic submissions on the proposal to the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services, East Ayrshire Council, Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock KA3 7BU, e-mail: educationppp@east-ayrshire.gov.uk no later than Thursday 10 June 2004;
- (iii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services prepare a report on the results of the consultative process for consideration at a future meeting of the Education Committee; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Daniel Coffey, seconded by Councillor McDill, moved as an amendment that the status quo remain.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 14 votes to 2.

CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT: THE PROPOSAL TO AMALGAMATE WITCHHILL SCHOOL, KILMARNOCK AND WOODSTOCK SCHOOL, KILMARNOCK

2. It was agreed that this item be withdrawn from the Agenda.

The meeting terminated at 1125 hours.