

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 22 JUNE 2004 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Tommy Farrell, Jim O'Neill, Stephanie Young, Brian Reeves, Daniel Coffey, Drew McIntyre, Iain Linton, John Campbell, Provost Jane Darnbrough and Councillors John Knapp, Eric Jackson, Jimmy Kelly, Neil McGhee, Eric Ross, Elaine Dinwoodie, Elaine Stewart and Jimmy Carmichael; Church Representatives John McHugh and Dr Ivy Barclay; Teacher Representative Iain Harvey and Parent Representative George Hammersley.

ATTENDING: John Mulgrew, Executive Director of Educational and Social Services; David Mitchell, Acting Executive Director of Corporate Support; Euan Couperwhite, Head of Resource Support; John McCarney, Head of Schools Support; and Gillian Hamilton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Maureen McKay, Willie Coffey, Robert McDill, George Smith and Church Representative Rev John Taylor.

CHAIR: Councillor Tommy Farrell, Chair.

RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION DOCUMENT: PROPOSED RATIONALISATION OF ST JOSEPH'S ACADEMY, CUMNOCK CAMPUS

1. There was submitted a report dated 16 June 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the results of the consultation on the proposal that the approved rationalisation of the Cumnock and Kilmarnock Campuses of St Joseph's Academy would take place in August 2004 or as soon as possible thereafter as an alternative to the previously agreed arrangement for August 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Councillor Farrell, seconded by Councillor Stewart moved:-

- (i) that the approved rationalisation of the Cumnock Campus into the Kilmarnock Campus of St Joseph's Academy take place in August 2005;
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to prepare detailed plans for the transfer arrangements for existing pupils which would include the involvement of the pupils;
- (iii) to refer this decision to the Scottish Executive in accordance with legislative requirements;
- (iv) that the Education Committee be advised of the outcome of this referral in due course; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Daniel Coffey, seconded by Councillor Stephanie Young moved as an amendment that the approved rationalisation of the Cumnock Campus into the Kilmarnock Campus of St Joseph's Academy take place in August 2006 or as soon as possible thereafter.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 16 votes to 3.

BUILDING LEARNING COMMUNITIES - SCHOOLS PPP PROJECT UPDATE

2. There was submitted a report dated 15 June 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the Scottish Executive's response to the revised Outline Business Case (OBC) for the Building Learning Communities - Schools PPP Project.

Councillor Farrell, seconded by Councillor Stewart moved that the Education Committee:-

- (i) agree to the Building Learning Communities - Schools PPP Project proceeding within the framework outlined in the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Linton, seconded by Councillor Daniel Coffey moved as an amendment that any surplus ground which became available as the project developed be utilised for new school playingfields, in addition to those to be provided within the PPP Project itself.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 14 votes to 3.

The meeting terminated at 1040 hours.