

STOCKPORT COLLEGE

Minutes of the Student Committee held at 4.30pm on Tuesday 2nd December 2008 in Conference Room A

Present: Malcolm Winton (Chairperson)
Derek Caldwell
Sue Shaw
Manoj Guhathakurta
Kerry Jarvelainen

In attendance: Keith Baker (Assistant Principal Learner Services)
Barry Watson (Clerk to the Corporation)
Lynn Merillion (Deputy Principal)

Minute No

Action

STU/25/08 Apologies for Absence

The Clerk to the Corporation reported that apologies for absence had been received from Peter Roberts and Ellie Fretwell.

STU/26/08 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in any of the meeting business items.

STU/27/08 Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th June 2008

The minutes of the meeting were approved and accepted as a correct account of the meeting's proceedings.

STU/28/08 Matters arising from the Minutes

- i) STU/16/08 Student Union Constitution
The President of the Students Union updated the Committee outlining the progress that had been made with regard to making the agreed amendments to the Student Union Constitution. It was noted that the President would forward a copy of the revised constitution to the Clerk to the Corporation when it was available.

Action: President of the Students Union

ii) **STU/23/08 Report on Student Survey 2 -2007/2008**

The Assistant Principal advised the Committee of the progress that had been made with regard to the work of the group looking at using new technology for communication with students. It was noted that the President of the Students Union would be meeting with interested students in January and that a further progress report would be provided to the Committee at its next meeting.

Action: President of the Students Union

STU/29/08 Appointment of Vice Chairperson of the Student Committee

The Clerk to the Corporation sought nominations for the position of Vice Chairperson of the Committee. Manoj Guhathakurta was the sole nomination and it was unanimously resolved that he be appointed to the position.

STU/30/08 Appointment of Student Governor

The Clerk to the Corporation advised the Committee that Ellie Fretwell (Counseling Level 1 Course- Heaton Moor) had been appointed by the Student Council as the second Governor appointment. The Committee noted that the new student Governor would be unable to attend the Committee's meetings this year due to a clash with her evening studies.

As a result the Committee agreed that the remaining 2 meetings should be held on the same date as the Q&C Committee to commence at 4.00pm.

The Clerk to the Corporation undertook to liaise with the Deputy Principal regarding the Agendas for the meetings.

Action: Clerk to the Corporation

STU/31/08 Brand Reports

i) H.E Brand

The Deputy Principal presented a report which provided information concerning the College's Adult and Higher Education provision.

The report covered the following aspects of the provision:

- Scope
- Adult
- Community
- Personal, Community and Development Learning
- Higher Education

- Developments: Reviews and Validations
- Quality Enrichment
- Proposed Developments during 2008-2009

In considering the report the Committee discussed the impact of the recession and the appropriateness of the report to the work of the Committee. There then followed a wide ranging debate concerning the role of the Committee particularly in relation to the remit of the Q&C Committee. The consensus of the discussion was that the Board of the Corporation should review the role of the Committee particularly in relation to the role of the Q&C Committee at some point during this Academic Year.

Action: **Board of the Corporation**

ii) Young Learner Brand

The Deputy Principal presented a report which provided information concerning the College's provision for Young Learners.

The report covered the following aspects the College's provision:

- Background, including management and leadership, income stream, learner numbers, the enhanced curriculum offer, collaboration with local partners and Inspection.
- Scale of Provision for both 14-16 and 16-18 provision.
- Quality of Provision including Success, Retention and Achievement rates including comparisons with 2006-2007 performance.
- New Diplomas
- Key Activities for 2007-2008
- Proposed Developments for 2008-2009

The Committee considered the report in detail and after due discussion resolved that the report be noted.

STU/32/08 Student Survey Report 1

The Assistant Principal advised the Committee that the Student Survey report would be completed by Friday 5 December and that data arising from the Survey would be available shortly afterwards.

It was resolved that the verbal report be noted.

STU/33/08 Student Council Information and Minutes of the Student Council Meeting held on 14th October 2008.

The Committee received a report which detailed the latest issues arising from the latest Student Council Meeting held on 14 October 2008.

After due consideration of the report it was resolved that it be noted.

STU/34/08 Good News Stories

The Committee was pleased to receive the Good News Stories report and after discussion resolved that the report be noted.

STU/35/08 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held at 4.00pm on Thursday 26th February 2009.

The meeting closed at 5:47pm.