

Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College

Minutes of the Meeting of the Student Committee held on Thursday 23 October 2008 at 4.15 pm

Present: Mr P Davison (Chair)
Mrs S Barnes
Mrs H Barron
Mr T J Fisher
Miss J Grundy
Mr J Ramsden

In Attendance: Miss M Barker
Mrs A Blackburn
Mr L Job
Dr S D Hunnisett
Mr G Hogg
Mrs P Porter
Mr G Brookes (Clerk)

Student Representatives: Katie Lamb
Gary Lodge
Amy Wearmouth
Thomas Caygill

- 15/08 Welcome
Mr Davison welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked each person to introduce themselves.
- 16/08 Apologies
Apologies were received from Mr C Wiper and were **accepted** by the Committee.
- 17/08 Minutes of the Previous Meeting
The minutes of the meeting held on 1 May 2008 were **accepted** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 18/08 Matters Arising
There were no matters arising.
- 19/08 Outstanding References
There was no further information available on Ref 07.4/07 (NE Sport) and it was agreed to remove this item.
- 20/08 Urgent Business
There was no urgent business.
- 21/08 Student Experiences – German
21.1 Katie Lamb and Gary Lodge gave a presentation on ‘German at QE College’. They (and Caroline Baker) had received their ‘Youthbridge’ awards – an association which aims to provide support for learning German in English schools. They described the status of the organisation and how they have been, and will be, involved; including their preparations for the competition and projects and the benefits that will accrue.
21.2 Mr Davison congratulated Katie and Gary on their presentation and their awards. Katie, Gary and Penny Porter left the meeting at 4.45 pm.
- 22/08 Student Experiences – Politics
22.1 Amy Wearmouth and Thomas Caygill gave a presentation on ‘Politics at QESFC’ which included details of:
a. Visits by Alan Milburn
b. Local Council meetings and ‘councillors Question Time’.
c. Shadowing local councillors
d. Trip to Parliament

- e. Local Council Democratic Services Unit – workshop in the College.
- f. Ideas for future events.

22.2 Points raised in discussion included:

- a. The increased interest in politics within the College.
- b. The College's initiatives are appreciated by members of the various political parties.
- c. The vision and efforts of the staff in arranging such successful events.

22.3 Mr Davison thanked Amy and Thomas for their excellent presentation.

Amy, Thomas and Gary Hogg left the meeting at 5.00 pm.

23/08 Student Association Plans for 2008/09

23.1 Copies of the 'Aims for Student Association 2008/09' were issued to Members. The five topics were:

- Better links with the community
- Raise profile of the Student Association
- Improve usage of College Facilities
- Increase Student Participation in College Events
- Fronter and QETV.

23.2 Jessica and Justin summarised each topic and it was agreed that whilst they were ambitious and challenging they were achievable.

23.3 The Committee **accepted** the report and **agreed** that it should be presented to the full Board. **Action Mr Davison**

24/08 Student Activities Report

24.1 Mr Job referred to the Student Report dated October 2008 and drew attention to a number of events including:

- a. Chetan Kotur was runner-up in the Centre for Excellence in Leadership Awards for the 'Student Governor of the Year'.
- b. The Teesside University's passport-Plus scheme designed to give additional assistance to colleges in the Tees Valley.
- c. The rE-view project – an on-line newspaper with links to the Northern Echo.
- d. Jagjeet Singh Hans was named 'Outstanding Achiever of the Year' in the Colas Awards.

24.2 Mr Davison said that the number, range and value of the events covered in the report continue to be very impressive.

The Committee **accepted** the report and **agreed** that it should be presented to the full Board. **Action Mr Fisher**

25/08 Other Business Raised Under Item 20/08

No urgent business was raised.

26/08 Confidentiality

There were no confidential items.

27/08 Date and Agenda for the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 30 April 2009 at 4.15 pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.35 pm.