

Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College

Minutes of the Meeting of the Student Committee held on Thursday 30 April 2009 at 4.15 pm

Present: Mrs S Barnes
Mr T J Fisher (Acting Chair)
Miss J Grundy
Mr J Ramsden

In Attendance: Mrs A Blackburn
Mr K Fields
Dr S D Hunnisett
Mr L Job
Mrs M Pitcher
Mr G Brookes (Clerk)

Student Representatives: Dale Bihari
Thoryn Haslett
Katie Hill
Sarah Harrison
James Dalton
Laura McDonald

01/09 Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr P Davison, Mrs H Barron and Mr C Wiper and were **accepted** by the Committee.
In the absence of Mr Davison, who was unable to attend because an urgent matter had arisen, Mr Fisher acted as the Chair.

02/09 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2008 were **accepted** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

03/09 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

04/09 Outstanding References

There were no outstanding references.

05/09 Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

06/09 Student Experiences – Business Enterprise

06.1 Mr Kevin Fields introduced Laura McDonald and James Dalton and summarised their activities. In seeking a grant for enterprise ideas an action plan was drawn up in July 2008.

06.2 James and Laura outlined the events and the benefits that they and the college students had gained in the government-sponsored 'Make Your Mark Enterprise Challenge'. The initiative focussed on creating an innovative and entrepreneurial idea inspired by the Olympic and Paralympics Values. The College's work and contribution to enterprise have been recognised by One North East with an award of £10,000 for encouraging and promoting the relevant skills amongst 16-19 year olds.

NB. Further details of Business Enterprise activities are included in the Business and Leisure section of the Student Activities Report – April 2009.

- 06.3 Mr Fisher thanked Laura and James for their very informative and interesting presentation.

07/09 Student Association Officers

- 07.1 Mr Job thanked Jessica Grundy, Justin Ramsden, Katie Hill and Sarah Harrison for the splendid work they and the whole Executive had done on behalf of the students and for the College over the past year. They had achieved far more than has been recorded and have been invaluable in shaping the direction of the College. Mrs Pitcher also thanked the outgoing team for a memorable and interesting year.
- 07.2 Mr Job welcomed the incoming Officers, Thoryn Haylett – President and Dale Bihari – Vice President.
- 07.3 Thoryn and Dale each outlined their backgrounds and their aspirations. They also described the election process and the increased numbers of students who voted. The Executive has not yet been decided but it has been agreed to include two new members to cover IT and Equality and Diversity matters.
- 07.4 Mr Fisher stated that Mr Davison would want him to thank the outgoing Student Association members for all their hard work and the successful outcomes of the large agenda they had set themselves.

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

Action Mr Fisher

08/09 Student Association Report on its Aims for 2008/09

- 08.1 Justin and Jessica referred to the report presented to the Members and highlighted the numerous initiatives and outcomes under the following headings:
- a. Better links with the Community
 - b. Raise the profile of the Student Association
 - c. Improving the Use of the Student Common Room etc
 - d. Increasing Student participation in College Events.
 - e. Fronter and QE TV.
- 08.2 Points raised in discussion included:
- a. The ambitious agenda set at the beginning had been delivered. A commendable outcome.
 - b. The report provides very important information accessible to all.
 - c. A more condensed form for general dissemination including on QE TV would be useful.
 - d. A copy of the report should be sent to Mr Davison.

Action Mr Fisher

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The Committee **accepted** the report.

09/09 Student Activities Report

- 09.1 Mr Job referred to the Student Report dated April 2009 and drew attention to a number of events including the Enrichment section particularly the 'Global Agenda Conference' and 'Model UN Conference'.
- 09.2 The breadth and depth of the numerous events and the large numbers of students taking part illustrates the enthusiasm and capabilities of the student population and the special ethos of the College in this area as well as its successful educational performance.

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

Action Mr Fisher

09/10 Admissions 2010

10.1 Mr Fisher referred to the Admissions 2010 paper which had been presented to the Board on 19 March 2009 at which it was proposed that the paper should be considered by the Student Committee.

10.2 Points raised in discussion included:

- a. The number of applications from partner schools is increasing each year and this year the dead-line for them was brought forward to mid-January.
- b. The cut-off point for the waiting list for other applicants is being made earlier each year and for the current batch it was 25 November 2008.
- c. The admissions policy and process for the 2010 entry will need careful consideration and proposals submitted to the Board for approval.

Action Mr Fisher

d. Students are aware that the policy is being reviewed and any thoughts/opinions would be welcomed.

- e. Students present related their own experiences of the entry procedures, bridging, distances travelled and their expectations and Mrs Blackburn stated that she would follow-up some of the points made.

Action Mrs Blackburn

10.3 The Committee **accepted** the report and Mr Fisher thanked the students for the very useful exchange of views.

11/09 Urgent Business Raised Under Item 05/09

No urgent business was raised.

12/09 Confidentiality

There were no confidential items.

13/09 Date and Agenda for the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting has not been decided at this stage.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.40 pm.