

Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College

Minutes of the Meeting of the Student Committee held on Thursday 22 October 2009 at 4.30 pm

Present: Mr P Davison (Chair)
Mrs S Barnes
Mr T J Fisher
Mr T Haylett

In Attendance: Mrs J Atkinson-Tait
Mrs A Blackburn
Mrs J Colthup
Mr P Carroll
Mr L Job
Mrs M Pitcher
Mr M Scott
Mr G Brookes (Clerk)

Student Representatives: Miss H Marshall
Miss S Watchman
Mr P Richardson
Miss J Riley

14/09 Introductions

Mr Davison asked those present to introduce themselves.

15/09 Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs H Barron, Mr D Bihari, Mr C Wiper and Dr S D Hunnisett and were **accepted** by the Committee.

16/09 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 April 2009 were **accepted** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

17/09 Matters Arising

Regarding Ref 08.2c/d, Mr Fisher reported that it was decided that QE TV would not be a particularly effective vehicle for the report and that, instead, a booklet had been produced. The booklet was made available to the whole College and each leaver was given a copy as a memento. Copies were also issued to Members at the Board meeting in June.

Regarding Ref 10.23, Mrs Blackburn had followed up the points made.

There were no other matters arising.

18/09 Outstanding References

There were no outstanding references.

19/09 Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

20/09 Student Safety

20.1 Mr Davison introduced the subject of student safety as one of the key areas covered by the Government's 'Every Child Matters' initiative. In essence Mr Davison wished to give the students the opportunity to express spontaneously their views on how safe they feel in and around the College and to find out how the College and Governors can engage

with students. Also, what processes could be changed or introduced to elicit genuine responses from students.

- 20.2 Points raised in discussion included:
- a. Within the College itself the students feel safe and did not feel threatened in any way. Also, there were no obvious signs of bullying.
 - b. In the immediate vicinity of the College (including Stanhope Park) and particularly during the day the students also feel quite safe.
 - c. The only threat to safety in the vicinity of the College was the traffic on nearby roads. Speeding cars and careless driving are a cause of concern at times.
 - d. 'Targetting' of students by people outside the College was rare and not considered by the students to be a major problem. Mr Davison emphasised that should such approaches be made students should be aware of what steps to take either individually or by positive corporate action. It was pointed out that there were always members of staff available and the students expressed the reassurance fostered by the College's knowledge and action regarding a recent event.
 - e. With respect to their own experiences the students considered that the existing processes need not be changed. They felt that the change from being under constant supervision at school to being more independent at QE was a valuable experience and helpful in preparing for their post-college time.
 - f. The matter of student safety would be raised at the next meeting of the Student Association.

21/09 Student Experiences – Sport

- 21.1 Mrs J Atkinson-Tait (Sports Staff) introduced this item which would cover national finals, College successes, national representatives and team games at the College.
- 21.2 Mr M Scott (Sports Staff) gave details of the Student Management Team and referred in particular to Miss Hannah Marshall who had been named Passport Student of the Year and has also been appointed as one of ten ambassadors in the newly-formed National Ambassador Programme. The Ambassadors will form a 'management team' to advise British College Sport on how football development programmes are run from the student perspective.
- 21.3 Hannah Marshall gave a presentation on how she had been selected and the activities in which she had been involved. She also covered the aims of the scheme.
- 21.4 Mr Paul Carroll (Sports Staff) gave further details of the College's Student Management Team. Its mission is 'to assist staff in making QE the best and most student-friendly college provider of football activities in Britain'. The primary aims of the management team this year were summarised on a poster which has been displayed throughout the College.
- 21.5 Miss Sophie Watchman and Mr Paul Richardson described what has been achieved already and future plans and how they had been involved.
- 21.6 Points made in discussion included:
- a. The enthusiasm and activities of those involved in the schemes are infectious and will inspire others to participate.

- b. The work done and the results achieved already are enhancing the College's reputation for its sporting opportunities and the initiatives described today will help in marketing the College as a first-class provider of sport.
- c. Participation in all aspects of sport within the College is increasing.

21.7 Mr Davison thanked everyone for their splendid presentation.

The presentation team left the meeting at 5.40 pm.

22/09 Student Association (SA) Plans 2009/10

22.1 Mr Thoryn Halylett referred to the SA Action Plan for 2009/10 which will cover:

- a. Promoting the Role of the SA
- b. More Charity Fund Raising
- c. Supporting other groups within the College
- d. Attracting more student representation to SA Meetings.

He pointed out that there were no radical changes from the plans for the previous year but it was intended to have a more qualitative and 'hands-on' approach.

22.2 Mr Davison thanked the SA for the sound and positive proposals and the report was **accepted** by the Committee.

23/09 Students' Activities Report

23.1 Mr Job referred to the Student Report dated October 2009 and pointed out that the large number and quality of the events reflected the theme of this meeting as a whole in the very positive contributions made by students, not only in the benefits they themselves gain, but also towards the reputation of the College and aid to the local community.

23.2 Mr Davison congratulated the students and staff concerned in the activities and the production of the report.

The Committee **accepted** the report.

24/09 Urgent Business Raised Under Item 19/09

No urgent business was raised.

25/09 Confidentiality

There were no confidential items.

26/09 Date and Agenda for the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 29 April 2010 at 4.30 pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.00 pm.