

## CLASS meeting

### Minutes of Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009, Perth College

**Present :** Fraser Durie (Chair) Adam Smith College, Moira Douglas, Motherwell College, Arlene Byrne Coatbridge College, Lesley Mitchell Borders College, Jackie Andrews Moray College, Marie Therese Allen Clydebank College, Marilyn Binnie Dundee College, Richard Costello Angus College, Colin Buchanan Scotland's Colleges, Ernie Rohmer Forth Valley College, Margaret Forisky West Lothian College, Gill Clark Perth College, Teresa McCallion Banff and Buchan College, Michelle Filippi Langside College.

**Apologies :** David Rusling (Banff and Buchan) Ann Hamilton(Dundee) Karen Morris (Jewel and Esk) Audrey Brown (Stevenson) Hilary Morton (Oatridge) Shelley Mackenzie (Aberdeen) Patricia Beattie (Central) Alastair Bale (Cardonald) Ann Brannan ( GCNS) Bobby Lumsden (Annie'sland) Linda King (Inverness) John Macgill (Dumfries and Galloway) Rosemarie Gilfedder (Reid Kerr) Cherry Briggs (Reid Kerr)

Attending: Elda Fleck SQA

#### Action

**Minutes of previous meeting agreed. New members and guest welcomed**

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#### Conference feedback

The conference evaluations have not yet been received by the committee. Colin agreed to check and pass these on.

There was some confusion when delegates tried to book the conference. This should be resolved for next year. Colin reported that the invoice for Stirling Management Centre will become a budget within Scotland's Colleges to make process clearer.. It was agreed that it was important to keep costs down in current economic climate but need to break even overriding concern. Details of dates, times and costs etc should be sent to Colin and a brief heading.

**CB**

**Committee/CB**

All agreed that the conference was very useful and that it could be good to look at Curriculum for Excellence again. Val MacDonald and Ian Butchart continue to do talks around this at colleges. The school perspective may be interesting at this point. Moira has a potential contact but all to consider who may be useful. See also point 6 on agenda.

**MD**

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#### Qualifications update

Elda Fleck reported on latest developments and outlined the system for a development proposal for new qualifications. Elda will send presentation to all Class members with link to website.

**EF/MD**

**All**

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#### Joint accreditation

This continues to cause some difficulties. Moray College has successfully dealt with some of this and reported on procedures. STACS software was not picking this up. Banff and Buchan also facing some challenges with this and ScotExed had suggested that schools should be put on to them if they did not understand process. Elda agreed to take following back to SQA:

**FD**

Issues remain around joint accreditation against 2 centres, STACS software does not interact as it should with this.

Jackie will pass on details of how they resolved this for circulation. All

**JA/MD  
Committee**

agreed that there could be some potential for SQA input to net meeting or conference on joint accreditation

4 Reporting  
A number of members reported on the variety of ways they were reporting to pupils, schools and parents. It was agreed that all would send details of reports to Moira who would produce a brief report for circulation..

All

5 Glasgow Update  
Following a request fro update members reported that there may be issues around SUMS redistribution and local authorities economising. Across the country it is likely to lead to need for greater collaboration between schools.

6 Work in Castlemilk on senior phase  
Michelle reported on work being done on senior phase of curriculum for excellence by Langside and Cardonald with Castlemilk schools which includes meetings to discuss timetabling structures. A question had been raised for responses as follows

*What strategies would you require to put in place to address cultural barriers between sectors to promote a sharing of values and ethos.*

It was agreed that this looked like an interesting piece of work and that it should feature at conference. Any responses in meantime to Michelle.

Adam Smith together with Heriot Watt are also looking at engagement with senior phase. Forth Valley are involved in Science Baccalaureate. It was agreed that we would return to this issue at next meeting.

**AOCB**

There remain concerns about sustainability of some partnerships. It was suggested that conference should feature a session on the contribution school college partnerships made economically. Committee to look at this.

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Frontline report has not yet been published but is due to be discussed. All to check with own colleges whether there is any existing research that could enhance our own work.

Next meeting 19<sup>th</sup> February Motherwell College

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