Kirklees NEU District & Multi-Employer State Funded Branch AGM 05/03/20

1. Standing Orders

Unanimously agreed.

1. Minutes of previous AGM approved.

Agreed as correct. Proposed HD. Seconded MG.

1. Matters Arising

None.

1. Presentation of the Annual Report

HD presented a verbal Annual Report (unable to provide a written report due to ill-health absence).

We are encouraging members to be more active within the union e.g. funding places for attendance at Equality & Sector conferences.

MG is working with Reps on developing membership participation.

The difference between the District & Branch was explained.

District includes Independent schools. Branch covers State funded schools - manage case work.

There is a bigger team than in previous years, but we usually have between 40 & 50 cases live.

We have supported local campaigns, 16+ballot at HNC & Greenhead College.

Restructures – budgets & inadequate funding of education has led to a large number of staffing restructures. We have been involved in supporting members & guiding schools in this process. There have been no compulsory redundancies, but voluntary redundancies have been agreed.

TUPES – very few schools have opted for academisation. There have been a number of forced academisations.

ACS – has been closed and a Primary school is to open in September 2020.

1. Financial Statement & Budget Summary

JF (Treasurer) presented the budget report.

We are focusing on bringing down our reserves. A sum of money has been deposited into a savings account.

The budget report was unanimously agreed. Proposed JF Seconded SR

1. Membership

SR presented current membership numbers.

1. Declaration of Local Officer results

SR declared Local Officer results.

And presented the names of the Committee members.

1. Amendments to annual conference 2020 motions

MG spoke to the amendments to the motion ‘National Contract’. Discussion took place. HD supported the amendment as it is a bold statement, though accepts it might be difficult to gain support from members for strike action.

Proposed MG. Seconded HD. Unanimously agreed.

‘Pay school staff’ amendment withdrawn by the proposer MG.

1. Honoraria

The meeting agreed to pay the maximum Honoraria sum of £2000 to Jill Goodswen & John Fox for services provided on a voluntary basis at particularly difficult time for the Kirklees NEU District & Branch. They were thanked for their invaluable contribution.

Proposed SR. Seconded MG. Votes: For 17; Against 0; Abstentions: 1 (abstained due to being member subject to receiving Honoraria)

1. Election of Local Auditors

Jenny Chamberlain & Richard Goodswen are willing to remain as auditors for the 2020-21.

No one else has come forward for the role.

Proposed JF. Seconded HD. Unanimously agreed.

1. Local Subscriptions

It was agreed that the local subscription would be reduced to 10% from September 2020.

Proposed JF. Seconded HD. Unanimously agreed.

1. Regional Council

HD listed the officers. We have a long list of officer roles covered. It is much appreciated that members are stepping up to take on these roles.

RG asked about creche facilities at Regional Council. HD explained that if a creche is not provided Kirklees NEU D&B can fund childcare costs for those attending regional Council.

It was also agreed that an item on Regional Council & its membership should be brought to the next OGM (14.05.20).

1. Workplace Reps Network

MG is organising a programme of Rep Network meetings & Union meetings within schools.

Secondary Reps Network is being considered.

Primary Reps Network – it was requested that Reps have more than two weeks notice of meetings.

1. Correspondence

SR presented correspondence.

1. AOB

RW will be organising a fund raising meal for the Rohynga …

HD – NEU were planning to send a delegation to Cox’s Bazaar, Bangladesh - due to changes in political situation in Bangladesh the visit did not go ahead.

SR – asked for opinions on receiving documentation for meetings electronically, to be accessed on their personal devices at meetings, in order to reduce use of paper. A small number of paper documents will still be provided. The meeting responded positively.

Guest Speaker – Martin … (UCU) spoke to the meeting about the ongoing action at Huddersfield University in conjunction with other universities across the country. Some students have also supported the action, visiting the picket line for brief periods of time.

A donation of £100 was suggested. Proposed MG. Seconded RG. Unanimously agreed.

RK, who has been on the picket on an almost daily basis, reported on the strike action.

Signed as agreed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Kirklees NEU District and Branch President

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