

I.P.C. STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING AT R.E.C JUI-LOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Date: 3rd October 2011.

1. Opening prayer/Introduction
2. Purpose of the meeting
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5. Closing prayer

Purpose

Steering committee met to decide and plan the way forward for the up coming IPC election schedule to take place on the 27th October 2011.

Statements

Francis Mason, headteacher Conforti Primary School spoke on the need for the IPC to elect their leader who should lead their council. He went on to say that all the heads of schools should give support to the IPC election. He told the meeting that the British Council should have been represented in this meeting but the GSP Project Delivery Manager is out of the country. He urged all present to make meaningful contribution towards the planning for the International Pupils Council election schedule for 27th October 2011.

He also spoke about the difference the IPC UK and IPC Sierra Leone have made in their various schools as tremendous. The children he said 'are taking active role in leadership positions and are helping their teachers to address problems dealing with the environment, management of play areas and settling disputes among their colleagues in school'.

He cited the Pupils Council at Conforti Primary School as an example of how children, if given a chance can make a difference in school. He said the pupils council at Conforti are charged with the responsibility of controlling the play ground, making sure that every class prefect tidy up their class in the morning and receive complaints from their colleagues for the attention of their teachers when they cannot solve them.

Fatamata Kargbo, a senior teacher at the Oxford International High School explained how the Pupils Council have been very active in their school. She commented on their role as being very complementary to the staff. She told the meeting that the IPC students are respected by their colleagues in schools and that supporting them to be able to go through their election will help to give them more confidence and zeal to do their work.

Sarah Cole, Deputy headteacher REC Jui- Lower explained how the Pupils Council in her school have been serving as role models. She explained that they are communicating very well with their counterparts abroad and have gained the confidence of other children in their school who normally go to them when they are facing with difficulties. She appealed to the British Council who is our main partner and all other child welfare organisations to give their contributions and support in order to make this election a success for the children. She concluded by saying that this will motivate other children to come forward and aspire to take leadership position in school.

Thomas Lebbie Headteacher United Mission Community Primary school also spoke highly about the Pupils Council in their school and called on other headteachers to put hands together to support the IPC in Sierra Leone. He said that the Leader and members of the Pupils Council in his school are respected by all others colleagues in their school. He called on the British Council to join hand with the steering committee to support this event.

Jatu Sandy, headteacher Christjat Kindergaten Colleague School said that most children from the community who join their school this new term have been aspiring to be members of their IPC. He called on all concern to give their fullest support to the IPC.

Jietta B Kanneh, haedteacher of REC Kossoh Town Primary said “now that the IPC is becoming the voice for other children in their various schools , she is appealing that the election of the IPC recieve wider attension”. She said the Ministry Of Education, National Union Of Sierra Leone Students and other organisations led by the British Council should support the Steering Committe to enable the children’s voices to be heard on that day. She suggested that statements from British Council, Ministry Of Education and UNICEF would go a long way in motivating these children to continue to work harder in their academic pursuit.

Joice B Kossoh, head teacher United Methodist Church spoke on behalf of her school’s IPC she commended the Pupils Council in her school and thanked all her colleagues for their contributions. She reaffirmed the need to give IPC the attention it derserves.

Christiana M. T. Moilfula supported all the speakers and called on all Child Practitioner organisations to support the IPC in Sierra Leone.

Christiana Tucker, senoir teacher of Industrial Cooperative Primary School called on his colleagues to come up with a programme of event and costing that would be shared with partners. She concluded by saying that children are the future leaders of tomorrow.

Rev. J Abu, Headtaecher REC Jui-Lower commended all the speakers and asked that the meeting come up with a costing for food and drinks for the number of children and guests for the so that we start to approach partners for their kind assistance and support for the IPC election.

Rev Ibrahim Koroma who is the chairman of the IPC steering committee commended all for taking part in the meeting and promised that the information coming out of this meeting will be passed on to the British Council to make their own input and contribution.

It was unanimously agreed that Francis meet with the IPC Life Patron to discuss plans on the election and the way forward for the IPC.

A committee was set up to draw up the programme of event and to put a cost on food and drinks for the event.

Members of the Planning Committee:

- 1) Mr. Francis Mason (Secretary General)
- 2) Rev. Ibrahim Koroma (Chairperson)
- 3) Mrs. Cecilia John (Treasurer)

The committee met the same day and decided on the following:

Planned Activities

- To invite 5 children each from 20 schools that are involved in the International Pupils Council (IPC)
1. To invite 2 (two) teachers from all the schools taking part in the IPC Election.
 2. British Council in partnership with IPC to invite representatives from other organisation and Agencies to be identified .
 3. All unanimously agreed that Louisa Waddingham, Director British Council should give the key note address in this event as life Patron of the I.P.C.

Budget for 100 IPC children,40 teachers, 30 guest from other organisations

Food

<u>Item</u>	<u>quantity</u>	<u>unit price</u>	<u>total cost</u>
Plates	170people	15.000	200.000
Saviets	170people	10.000	20.000
Fish ball	170people	-	150.000
Chicken	170people	-	300.000
Meat pie	170people	-	200.000
Schreams	170people	-	50.000
Sandwich	170people	-	350.000
Cakes	170people	-	300.000
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		Total	1,590.000

Drinks

<u>Item</u>	<u>quantity</u>	<u>unit price</u>	<u>total cost</u>
Soft drinks	8 crates	28.000	224.000
Small bottle water	2 cartons	13.000	26.000
Grafton packet water	10 parkets	2.500	25.000
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		Total	275.000

Grand Total: 1,865.000

Attendance List

No	Name and Schools	Mobile
1	Fatmata Kargbo Oxford International Secondary School	078-526091
2	Francis Mason Conforti Primary School	076-720020
3	Sarah Cole REC Jui-Lower	076-544996
4	Thomas N.S. Lebbie United Mission Community Primary School	076-898424
5	Jatu Kadiatu Sandy Christjat Kindergarten	033-530467
6	Joyce B. Kosseh United Methodist Church Primary School	078-761978
7	Jeitta Kanneh REC Kossoh Town	076-635807
8	Christina T. Moifula Community Development Education Primary School	076-258318
9	Edward . J. Abu REC Jui-Upper	-
10	Christina Tucker Industrial Cooperative Preparatory School	077-490466
11	Cecilia John Christ Church Primary School	076-576630

Meeting adjourned to Friday 7th October at 2pm at Conforti to report on progress made.