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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Tuesday, 17 April 2018 (at 14h00), Committee Room 1, 4th Floor, Cape Town

(Consideration of the Western Cape Provincial School Education Amendment Bill [B1-2018]

PRESENT

Members:

Democratic Alliance Kivedo, BD (Chairperson) Botha, LJ Max, LH

African National Congress Olivier, RT

Additional members Dugmore, CM

Apology Christians, FC (ACDP)

(See attached list of departmental officials and members of the public who were in attendance.)

1. Welcome and attendance

The Chairperson opened the meeting and allowed for brief introductions. He provided context for the meeting as well as the format of proceedings.

2. Briefing by the Western Cape Education Department on the *Western Cape Provincial School* Education Amendment Bill [B1-2018]

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the Members of the Committee, the departmental officials and members of the public.

Adv. L Coleridge-Zils, Director: Policy Co-ordination from the WCED briefed the Committee on the *Western Cape Provincial School education Amendment Bill* [B1-2018].

The committee deliberated on the presentation by the department.

3. Request for information

- 3.1. The Committee requested the WCPP legal advisor, Adv. le Roux to provide a legal opinion on the following:
 - Section 12 (C)(9) Membership of the governing body of a Collaboration School shall comprise of 50% of representatives of the operating partner with voting rights, and 50% of other members of the governing body with voting rights. The legal opinion must determine if this provision is not in contradiction with the South African Schools Act, 1996 (Act 84 of 1996).
 - (ii) The deletion of the reference to the South African Schools Act, 1996 (Act 84 of 1996). According to the WCED its subject to the provisions of the South African Constitution, the Provincial Minister may, determine policy which is to be pursued in respect of education in schools in the province.
- 3.2. The Committee resolved that:
- 3.2.1. Twelve public hearings be scheduled in the Western Cape at the following towns: Cape Town, Athlone, Kraaifontein, Robertson, Paarl, Beaufort West, George, Riversdale, Bredasdorp, Caledon, Vredendal and Vredenburg (at least two hearings per district at all six districts and three in the Cape Metropolitan Area).
- 3.2.2. The public hearings to start at 18:30pm at all areas and venues.
- 3.2.3. The Committee should arrange for free radio slots with various radio stations servicing the districts and the Province.
- 3.2.4. The advertisements for public hearings be placed in two mainstream newspapers (one English and one Afrikaans) and in community newspapers in each of the districts.
- 3.2.5. Size A3 notice boards be placed at schools in the districts notifying public about the public hearings.
- 3.2.6. Ward Committees, School Governing Bodies and teacher associations to be amongst the stakeholders that are invited to attend the public hearing.
- 3.2.7. The public hearing be spread across May, June, July, August and September 2018, given the fact that there are 12 public hearings.
- 3.2.8. Standing Committee to pay for transport for the members of the public who wish to attend the public hearings.
- 3.2.9. The Communication and Information Section to assist the Committee with a tailor made media statement and the Public Education and Outreach should assist with educational workshops on the content of the Bill.

The Committee adjourned at 16:30.

MR BD KIVEDO, MPP CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT Date: 24 April 2018