



Wes-Kaapse Provinsiale Parlement  
Western Cape Provincial Parliament  
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WCPP 11/4/10

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

*Tuesday, 19 September 2023 (at 13h00), Virtual Meeting via MS Teams*

**(1. Briefing by Equal Education on school safety in the Western Cape. 2. Briefing by the Western Cape Education Department on learners with severe disabilities)**

**PRESENT**

**Members:**

**Democratic Alliance**

Baartman, DM (Chairperson)  
Fry, C

**African National Congress**

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**African Christian Democratic Party**

Christians, FC

**Alternate Members**

Brinkhuis, G (AL-Jama-ah)

**Apologies**

Plato, D

**Persons in attendance**

See attached attendance register

**1. Welcome and attendance**

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

**2. Briefing by Equal Education on school safety in the Western Cape**

Ms Ntsiki Dlulani, Head of Equal Education's Western Cape office and Ms Stacey Jacobs, Researcher, Equal Education, led the presentations.

Equal Education (EE), a civil society organisation, outlined the current status of schools in South Africa, with a specific focus on safety-related issues in the Western Cape. The organisation provided comprehensive insights into school safety, violence concerns, and the challenges confronting learners, particularly in disadvantaged communities.

The Committee deliberated on the presentation

### **3. Briefing by the Western Cape Education Department on learners with severe disabilities.**

Dr Sigamoney Naicker, Chief Director: Inclusive Education and Special Programmes, WCED, led the presentation.

The WCED delivered a presentation focusing on students encountering severe learning challenges and disabilities. They informed the Committee on learners with severe disabilities in the Western Cape, highlighting the importance of assessing students based on their specific support needs rather than relying solely on medical diagnoses. The presentation covered various categories of disabilities, particularly emphasising students with severe intellectual disabilities and their unique support requirements. Key topics included the concept of full-service schools, the process of placing these students, and a proposed curriculum aimed at nurturing practical and soft skills to enhance employability and personal development.

The Committee deliberated on the presentation

### **4. Resolution**

The Committee RESOLVED that the:

- 4.1. To visit either the Wellington School of Skills or Mitchell's Plain School of Skills. A decision on this visit may depend on available time slots in the committee's schedule.
- 4.2. To request the Financial and Fiscal Commission (FFC) to assist in costing the provision of psychologists and social workers in schools. This information will be used to advocate for necessary resources from the Department of Basic Education (DBE).
- 4.3. To hold a joint meeting with the Standing Committee on Cultural Affairs and Sport and Community Safety to discuss and request steps to enhance cooperation with the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) in improving school safety at all schools in the Western Cape.

### **5. Requested Information**

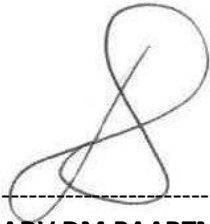
The Committee REQUESTED that:

- 5.1. The WCED provides the establishment and functionality of school safety committees in schools to identify issues and potential improvements.
- 5.2. Equal Education provides the minutes of the quarterly meetings between Equal Education and WCED to better understand the discussions and agreements between the two parties.
- 5.3. Equal Education provides information on what was found at each school visited in their report. This information is intended to be used by the committee for further discussion and action.

### **6. Consideration and adoption of the Draft Minutes**

- 6.1. The Chairperson tabled the Draft minutes of 13 June 2023, which were amended, considered, and adopted.
- 6.2. The Chairperson tabled the Draft minutes of 15 August 2023, which were amended, considered, and adopted.

The Committee adjourned at 16h30.



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**ADV DM BAARTMAN, MPP  
CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
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