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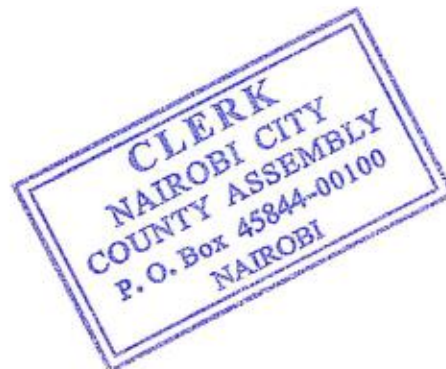
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SEVENTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
CHILDREN, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING
ON

THE FACT FINDING AND INSPECTION OF THE PURCHASED
EQUIPMENT FOR KIWANJA YOUTH POLYTECHNIC OF NAIROBI CITY
COUNTY



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PREFACE

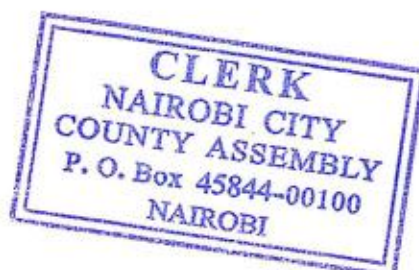
The Committee on Children, Early Childhood Education and Vocational Training is one of the Sectoral Committees established under Standing Order No. 191. It is mandated pursuant to Standing Order 191(5) is to:-

- a) investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned departments;*
- b) study the programme and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;*
- c) study and review all county legislation referred to it;*
- d) study, assess and analyse the relative success of the departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with its stated objectives;*
- e) investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the County Assembly;*
- f) vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 185(Committee on Appointments); and*
- g) Make reports and recommendations to the County Assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.*

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Committee comprises of the following Members:-

1. Hon. David Kitavi,MCA - (Chairman)
2. Hon. Kingsley Odida,MCA - (vice Chairman)
3. Hon. Fredrick Obenge,MCA



4. Hon. Elias Otieno Okumu, MCA
5. Hon. Kennedy Ng'ondi, MCA
6. Hon. Florence Athembo, MCA
7. Hon. Ngaruiya Chege, MCA
8. Hon. Jack Ngare, MCA
9. Hon. Isaac N. Ngige, MCA
10. Hon. Njoroge G. Maina, MCA
11. Hon. Ruth Njeri, MCA
12. Hon. Mercy Kariuki, MCA
13. Hon. Jane Muasya, MCA
14. Hon. Elizabeth Sang, MCA
15. Hon. Karen Wanjiku, MCA
16. Hon. Imelda Wanjala, MCA
17. Hon. Beatrice Kwamboka, MCA

1.0 BACKGROUND

The Committee exercises its oversight role on the work and administration of the Education, Children and Youth Affairs Sector.

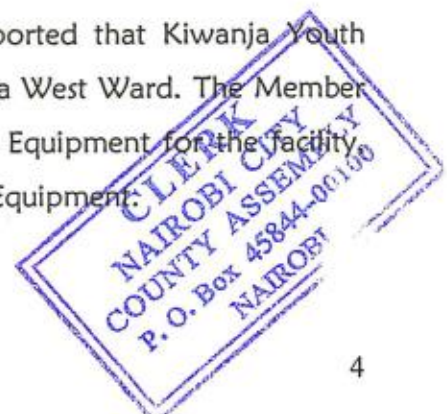
In accordance with the Second Schedule of the Standing Orders, the Sectoral Committee *has the mandate to consider all matters related to:*

Pre-primary education, village polytechnics, home craft centres and childcare facilities; children welfare.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Committee had dedicated a part of its programme to deliberate on the status and programmes offered by the County Youth Polytechnics since the Polytechnics are integral to the capacity building of Youth who do not proceed with formal academic education.

A member of the Committee Hon. Ngaruiya Chege reported that Kiwanja Youth Polytechnic is one of the County facilities and is in Kahawa West Ward. The Member contended that the County had recently purchased some Equipment for the facility however there was disgruntlement as to the quality of the Equipment.



This prompted the Committee to resolve to invite the CECM of the respective sector to brief the Committee on the same matter and that further the Committee embarks on a site visit to the Polytechnic.

The Committee met the County Executive Committee Member for Education, Children and Youth Affairs, who briefed them that indeed Equipment meant to improve the quality of Education in Kiwanja, Waithaka and Mathare Polytechnics, had been purchased. The CECM mentioned that these institutions had been marginalized for a long time and thus the County Government wanted to revamp them with tools and equipment that would enhance practical learning rather than theory.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Committee wishes to sincerely thank the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly for the support and services extended to Members to enable them complete the exercise smoothly.

I am grateful to Members of the Committee whose support enabled the Committee to accomplish this task. Special thanks to the secretariat for their immense support at all times.

On behalf of the Committee, I now have the honor and pleasure to present this report on the status of the Kiwanja Youth Polytechnic to this Assembly for adoption.

Thank you

Signed by.....

Hon. David Kitavi, MCA, Chairperson Committee on Children, Early Childhood
Education and Vocational Training.

THE SITE VISIT

Kiwanja Youth Polytechnic is located in Kahawa West Ward of Roysambu Constituency, Nairobi City County. It was established in the year 2012 by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports through the Department of Youth Development that was established in January 2007 with an aim of spearheading the general empowerment of



the Youths in order to reduce risk factors and promote positive factors such as creation of employment among other things.

The Institution was then transferred from the Department of Youth Development by the National Government to the County in October 2014 following the devolution of village Polytechnics and Vocational Training Centers to the various Counties.

The Kiwanja Youth Polytechnic is offering courses such as Fashion Design and Garment making, Building technology, Electrical technology, Motor-vehicle technology, Hair dressing and Beauty Therapy. The Current Principal to the Institution was posted in September 2012. In the first year of inception, nine students were enrolled but only six graduated with passes.

The County government of Nairobi posted instructors to the institution and have provided teaching and learning tools. The Constituency Development Fund of Roysambu Constituency bought instructional materials and the institution had also received sponsorship of certain items from the Ward Development Funds.

The Committee at its sitting held on Tuesday, 7th July, 2015 resolved to undertake a visit to Kiwanja polytechnic within the County in order to confirm the types, quality and quantity of equipment purchased and their suitability for the institution and make recommendations for remedial action. The visit was scheduled for 15th, July 2015.

OBJECTIVES OF THE VISIT

The objective of the fact finding visit was to among others:-

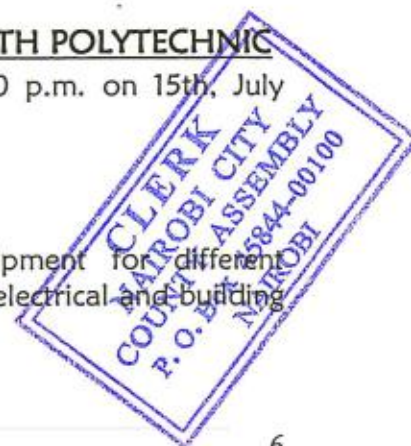
- i. To verify from users the quality of equipment supplied;
- ii. To verify from users whether the learning environment and learning facilities were conducive; and
- iii. To give recommendations and way forward from the findings.

SUBMISSIONS BY THE PRINCIPAL OF THE KIWANJA YOUTH POLYTECHNIC

The Committee arrived at Kiwanja Youth polytechnic at 12:30 p.m. on 15th, July 2015. They were welcomed by the Principal Mrs. Caroline Nguli.

Madam Caroline presented the following to the Committee:-

- i. That, the institution had requested for various equipment for different departments but they only received part of the items for electrical and building departments only;



- ii. That, the equipment delivered to the institute were of poor quality and not suitable for the intended purpose for instance they received blackboards while they had requested for drawing boards;
- iii. That, there was lack of adequate teaching staff. The Principal reported that the institution currently was facing problem in paying the salary to one of the staff who was employed by the B.O.G of the institution;
- iv. That, the institution experiences problem of power supply on a number of occasions. For instance she reported that the electric power had been disconnected twice due to lack of funds to pay the bills;
- v. That, the institution lacks basic commodities like piped water. The Committee was informed that due to lack of piped water the institution was forced to get water from a seasonal river or at times buy water from water vendors; and
- vi. That, the quantity of commodities delivered did not match with the attached prices. The institution had been allocated Ksh. 9 million by the County government for the Financial Year 2014/2015. (See Annexe 1 - copy of delivery note).

COMMITTEE OBSERVATION

During the site visit, the following observations were made by the Committee:-

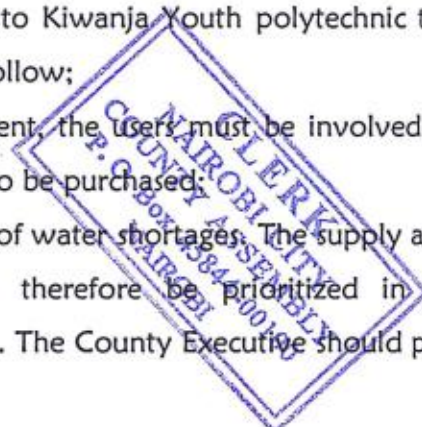
- i. There was no boundary wall in the institution posing a great threat to the students from outsiders. The Committee observed that lack of Perimeter walls might also cause incidences of land grabbing by unscrupulous members of the Public; and
- ii. The school grounds were not flat and thus need to be leveled.
- iii. The Principal ought not to have received sub-standard items which did not match the description of what had been requested for.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Speaker Sir,

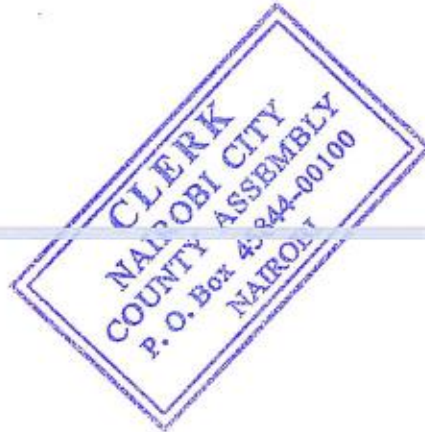
Following the fact finding visit by the Committee to Kiwanja Youth polytechnic the Committee urges that, this Assembly do resolve as follow;

- i. To enhance the purchase of quality Equipment, the users must be involved in the identification and specifications of items to be purchased;
- ii. The County Executive should solve problem of water shortages. The supply and reconnection of the piped water should therefore be prioritized in all Educational facilities managed by the County. The County Executive should pay



Electricity bills to enable reconnection of the Electricity and the school ground be levelled in order to improve the environment and make it conducive for extra-curricular activities by the students; and

- iii. Action be taken against officers who prepared purchase documents differing from specifications provided by the users and the Inspection and Acceptance Committee Members who accepted Equipment that did not match the specifications requested.



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