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THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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Pursuant to Standing Order 180 (6) I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly, today Thursday 16th February, 2017.

**THE REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN, EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING ON THE STATUS OF ECD CENTERS AT
KOMAROCK AND NJIRU PRIMARY SCHOOLS OF NAIROBI CITY COUNTY**

(Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Children, Early Childhood
Education and Vocational Training)

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Approved.
Ruth Njeri
16/2/17

Notice of Motion given
by Hon. Ruth Njeri
on 16/02/2017

(T&J/RM/001/2017)

GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY COUNTY



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

(5TH SESSION)

PCA (Chop)
Honor
16/02/2017

NOTICE OF MOTION – (Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Children,
Early Childhood Education & Vocational Training)

Hon. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion:-

THAT, this Assembly adopts THE REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING ON THE STATUS OF THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTRES AT KOMAROCK AND NJIRU PRIMARY SCHOOLS OF NAIROBI CITY COUNTY, laid on the Table of the Assembly today Thursday, 16th February, 2017.

(Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Children, Early Childhood Education
& Vocational Training)

Approved.
Hon. Speaker
[Signature]
16/2/17

Report laid by
Hon. Ruth Njeri
on 16/02/2017
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COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

FIRST ASSEMBLY - FOURTH SESSION

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

THE REPORT ON THE STATUS OF ECD CENTERS AT KOMAROCK AND
NJIRU PRIMARY SCHOOLS OF NAIROBI CITY COUNTY

August, 2016

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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:-

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| 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 ascertain the status of ECD Centers in various parts of Nairobi County. This involved among others making site visits to the centers.

On 15th March, 2016 the Committee met the County Executive Committee Member for Education, Children and Youth Affairs. The CEC informed the Committee on the ongoing rehabilitation and construction of ECDE Centers in various sub counties. The Committee was informed that ten (10) sites had been cleared for construction of the ECDE Centers despite the fact there were impediments to clearance of sites such as lack of proper documentation, delayed procedures at the Lands, Planning and Housing sector for clearance among other issues.

The County Executive Committee Member for Education, Children and Youth Affairs further reported that rehabilitation and construction of ECDE Centers was to take place at the following sites namely;-Komarock Primary School, Embakasi Primary School, Njiru Primary School ,Imara Primary School ,Kayole Primary School ,Huruma Primary School ,Njathaini Primary School ,Githurai Primary School, Valley Bridge Primary School and Tom Mboya Primary School. It was further reported that the Contractor was on the sites and that the constructions of ECDE Centers at the mentioned primary schools were at an advanced stage.

The Committee therefore resolved to make site visits and gave first priority to ECDE Centers at Njiru and Komarock primary schools which were undertaken on 31st March 2016.

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 ECD Centers at Komarock primary school and Njiru primary school to this Assembly for adoption.

Thank you

Signed by.....

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

NGARUIYA CHEGE 11/08/2016.

OBJECTIVES OF THE SITE VISITS TO KOMAROCK PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NJIRU PRIMARY SCHOOL ECD CENTERS

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

- i. To verify the status of ECD Centers at Komarock Primary School and Njiru Primary School; and
- ii. To give recommendations and way forward from the findings.

1.2 SITE VISIT AT NJIRU PRIMARY SCHOOL ECD CENTER

The Committee members arrived at Njiru Primary Schools at 12:25 p.m. on 31st March 2016. They were welcomed by the School Head teacher Mr. Kimari.

Submissions by the Head teacher

Mr. Kimari reported that the school was informed about construction of the ECD Containers at Njiru Primary School by the Contractor and Education Officer from Kasarani Sub-County in December, 2015.

He further reported that the project was started in February, 2016 after a survey was done by the contractor.

Challenges faced by the school

The Head teacher submitted that the school should have been informed formally earlier to make the management aware of the project in order to present its views and suggestions. He also felt that full consultation and cooperation ought to have been made between the school and the contractor. This will enable the project to be implemented smoothly in future as it would have taken into consideration the specific needs of the school.

Besides the construction of the ECD container classes the Head teacher further submitted that;-

- i. There was congestion in the existing ECD Centers hence there was a need of more ECD Classes;
- ii. The school is overpopulated. The two-stream school has eight hundred (850) pupils from Nursery to Standard 8. For instance a stream has more than 150 pupils; and

- iii. The school sign post had been stolen and therefore the school principal recommended the use of sign post made of concrete block.

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

The following were the observations made by the Committee:-

- i. There was no contractor on the ground;
- ii. The foundation to the construction had begun. However it was observed as being very weak. The Head teacher reported that the structures were not watered well hence compromising the quality and firmness of the foundation;
- iii. The initial site of the construction which was located at the end of the school playing ground was altered. The Committee observed that the current site of construction was very close to the primary school pre-unit classes. The Committee therefore informed the Head teacher that since the construction of the ECD Centers is part of the mandate of the County Government the ECD classes should be constructed a little farther from Primary school classes and that children need spaces where they could play without any interference from the primary school pupils. The school principal was further informed that the management and resources for the ECD Centers must be independent from primary school;
- iv. There were 34 children and two teachers in pre-unit and nursery; and
- v. The school had shortage of piped water

1.3 SITE VISIT AT KOMAROCK PRIMARY SCHOOL ECD CENTER

The Committee arrived at Komarock primary school at 1:33 p.m. on 31st March 2016.

The Committee met the site manager Mr. Kennedy Kombe a representative of the Daja Construction Firm which had been awarded the tender to construct all the ECD Centers for the cleared sites in the Nairobi County. The Committee also met with the Head teacher Mrs. Otieno who gave the Committee a brief on the school.

SUBMISSIONS BY THE SCHOOL HEAD TEACHER AND SITE MANAGER

The Site Manager

Mr. Kennedy Kombe reported that:-

- i. The project started in March 2016;
- ii. Choice of the site was approved with the advice of the County Architect. He explained to the Committee that the County Architect guided the contractor on where to establish the developments.
- iii. The project was in final stages and that soon it would be completed.

The Principal

The school principal Mrs. Otieno submitted the following information:-

- i. There were 11 and 35 children in nursery and pre-unit classes respectively;
- ii. The children pay Kshs. 8900 annually;
- iii. The current ECD Center has 2 support staff;

- iv. There were inadequate desks for children; and
- v. There were 150 pupils per class in the primary school.

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

The following were the observations made by the Committee;-

- i. The container classes were still under construction. The Committee observed that the project was not in final stages and that it would take some time before it would be completed.
- ii. The Committee found that containers were for four classes.
- iii. The Committee observed that the doors were facing the primary school instead of facing the current ECD Centers. The Field Manager explained that the County Architect gave the direction of where the doors should be facing. The Committee reasoned that the doors should not be facing the primary school because the project of the ECD Centers should be an independent organ from the Primary school which is a function of the National Government.
- iv. The Containers were of substandard quality. The Containers were found to be rusty and the Committee opined that the County must get the value for its money. However the Field Manager differed with Committee and said the containers were new.
- vi. Some larger containers were put on smaller containers posing great danger to users. However the Field Manager clarified that they would revisit the layout by putting the larger containers below the smaller ones.
- vii. The Field Manager reported that there were no plans of installing electricity in the ECD Project. The Committee however opined the need to have electricity in the ECD container classes in order to cater for smooth learning in the event computer laptops would be issued by the National Government.
- viii. Generally the Committee observed poor workmanship and that the welfare of children was not taken care of.

1.4 THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Following the fact finding visit by the Committee to Njiru and Komarock Primary School ECD Centers the Committee urges that, this Assembly do resolve as follows;

- i. No fabrication of the container classes should be done in the schools. The Committee recommends that fully equipped container classes be provided to the schools.
- ii. Weak pillars or foundations should be redone to enhance safety of the children and all users.
- iii. The right location for the ECD Centers must be agreed upon by all stakeholders
- iv. The cost of the project should be relooked at as what is presently on the ground does not reflect the value for money
- v. That the project be halted till such a time when all the stakeholders have a meeting to agree on factors such as location of the project, designs and quality

of the containers as well as provision of social amenities such as clean water and electricity.

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MINUTES OF THE 65TH SITTING OF NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE
ON CHILDREN, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING HELD ON
THURSDAY, 11TH AUGUST, 2016 AT 11:40 A.M. CHARTER HALL

PRESENT

1. Hon. Kingsley Odida, MCA - Vice Chairman
2. Hon. Elizabeth Sang, MCA
3. Hon. Jane Muasya, MCA
4. Hon. Mercy Kariuki, MCA
5. Hon. Ngaruiya Chege, MCA
6. Hon. Karen Wanjiku, MCA
7. Hon. Jack Ngare, MCA
8. Hon. Isaac Ngige, MCA
9. Hon. Imelda Nanjala, MCA
10. Hon. Fredrick Obenge, MCA

ABSENT

1. Hon. Elias Otieno Okumu, MCA
2. Hon. Ruth Njeri, MCA
3. Hon. Florence Athembo, MCA
4. Hon. Kennedy Ng'ondi, MCA
5. Hon. David Kitavi, MCA - Chairman
6. Hon. Beatrice Kwamboka, MCA
7. Hon. NJoroge Maina, MCA

SECRETARIAT

1. Guyo Sankala
2. Mercy Riunga- Clerk assistant

AGENDA

1. Preliminaries
2. Adoption of the site visit report on the status of the ECD Centers at Komarock and Njiru primary schools
3. Any other business
4. Adjournment

MIN / 322/AUGUST/2016 - PRELIMINARIES

The Committee Chairing member Hon. Ngaruiya Chege called the meeting to order at 11:57 a.m. and opened with a word of prayer. Hon. Karen Wajiku proposed and Hon. Imelda seconded that the agenda be adopted.

MIN /323/AUGUST/2016- ADOPTION OF THE SITE REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE ECD CENTERS AT KOMAROCK AND NJIRU PRIMARY SCHOOLS

The site visit report on the status of the ECD Centers at Komarock and Njiru primary schools was finally adopted by the majority of the membership.


MIN / 324/AUGUST /2016 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no any other business considered.

MIN/ 325/AUGUST /2016 - ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business the Committee Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12.22p.m

CONFIRMED AS TRUE RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE.....29/08/16.....