



**Locality: North East/South East**

Meeting Details			
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	27 April 2021	<b>Location</b> :	Via Microsoft Teams

Meeting Attendees Present	
Name:	Position Held:
Jack Simpson (Chair)	CEC Senior Education Officer
Lorna French	CEC Schools & Lifelong Learning Senior Manager Quality, Improvement & Curriculum
David Maguire	CEC Principal Officer, Engagement & Involvement
Robbie Crockatt	CEC Acting School Estate Planning Manager <a href="mailto:robbie.crockatt@edinburgh.gov.uk">robbie.crockatt@edinburgh.gov.uk</a>
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Alex Ramage	Parent Rep Education Committee <a href="mailto:parentrep.edin@gmail.com">parentrep.edin@gmail.com</a> Liberton High School
Billy Samuel	Corstorphine Primary School PC Chair
Josephine Beech-Brandt	St Peters RC Primary PC Chair
Marion Milne	Balerno High School
Karen Galloway	Bruntsfield Primary School PC
Mike Nicholson	Trinity Academy PC
Katie Lawson	Wardie Primary School PC Chair
Rhona Maurage	Castlebrae High School PC Treasurer

Deirdre Henderson	Drummond Community High School PC
Vikki Bruce	Portobello High School PC
Rebecca Clacy-Jones	Flora Stevenson Primary School PC
Lindsay Aitken	Gracemount Primary & High School PC
Natasha Lee-Walsh	Taobh na Pairce PC Co-Chair
Jennifer Peter	Frogston Primary School PC
Phil Dickson	Royal High Primary School PC
Donna Gardiner	Frogston Primary School PC Chair
????	Frogston Primary School PC Secretary
Colin Brown	Leith Academy PC Co-Chair
Sarah Scott	James Gillespies High School PC
Hilary Brown	Leith Academy PC
Seamus Spencer	Taobhna Pairce PC Co-Chair

<b>Apologies Received</b>	
No apologies were noted.	

<b>1 Welcome.</b>
Jack Simpson Senior Education Officer (Chair) welcomed all to the meeting.

<b>2. Parent Council Chair Survey: Billy Samuel</b>
<p>Billy Samuel: Corstorphine Primary School PC Chair explained the context of the proposed survey which is as part of the Framework for Parental Involvement, the latter being included in the Edinburgh Learns initiative.</p> <p>Within this initiative is the Parental Engagement Strategy Group in which both Billy and Gareth Oakley (Craiglockhart PS &amp; Tynecastle HS) sit as Parent Reps along with Education Officers.</p> <p>Billy noted that the Parental Engagement Strategy Group was established in line with the National Framework and a refresh in Edinburgh and reminded delegates that Marie Lyon chairs this group.</p> <p>Having analysed attendance over the period from May 2016 – January 2019 Billy reported that 46% of schools have had no representation at Locality Meetings during that period and only 1 in 5 PC reps attended Locality Meetings.</p>

Billy noted that in response to Covid requirements since quarter 2 both the Locality Meetings and CCwP have been conducted on-line and attendance has improved. This survey which will be issued week commencing 10 May will try to understand the views of all PC chairs on Parental Involvement including awareness and effectiveness of CEC framework and preference for future meetings ie on-line, face-to-face or a mixture of both.

Billy hopes to collate and analyse responses in June and will report for the 2021/22 session.

Billy advised delegates that David Maguire had been assisting him with the compilation of the survey and thanked him for his help.

A copy of Billy's presentation will be circulated with the minutes.

### **3. Self- Evaluation -Locality PC Groups & CCwP: Lorna French**

Lorna French CEC Schools & Lifelong Learning Senior Manager Quality, Improvement & Curriculum advised delegates that the next step in the Parental Engagement Strategy is to refresh the Framework of Good Practice developed in schools.

Marie Lyon CEC Schools & Lifelong Learning Quality Improvement Officer noted that equality issues are known and understood, and Marie asked for volunteers for a focus Group to address this issue. Marie noted that if anyone wishes to join this group please e-mail her. Karen Galloway, Bruntsfield Primary School PC and Seamus Spencer Taobh na Pairce PC Co-Chair have both volunteered.

Delegates discussed the lack of information available for new PC chairs, Alex Ramage, Parent Rep advised that there was a small suite of 3 documents available which include Terms of Reference, FAQs, etc, which explain the remit of the group. Alex asked that any delegate who wished a copy to please e-mail him.

Delegates felt that an induction course for new PC chairs would be helpful, Alex advised that Connect run courses which are useful. Delegates also noted that it is difficult to find documents on-line – Lorna advised that work is being done at present to make information more accessible.

A webpage/site for Parental Engagement in Edinburgh was suggested.

Alex reminded delegates of the Edinburgh PC Private Group which is a Google group for PC reps only and no CEC staff.

### **3. Term Dates /Queen's Jubilee David Maguire**

David discussed the analysis of the recent survey in respect of term dates for the next 3 years. This report will go to the Education, Children and families Committee on 18 May.

David advised that 13,733 responses had been received made up of 10k Parents, 3K staff and IK pupils.

David noted that 70% of respondents were broadly satisfied with the school year as it is at present with 87% being in favour of 2 weeks over the Christmas period.

David confirmed that this had been a big exercise with the level of satisfaction being high.

No radical questions were asked as in the last survey undertaken 3 years ago there was no appetite for change, eg a 4-term year. David noted that this survey is done every 3 years.

David and Arran Finlay have worked out holiday dates and the draft will be published with the report. David did advise the last dates before Christmas as follows;

Dec. 2022 Finish Wednesday 21 December

Dec. 2023 Finish Friday 22 December

Dec. 2024 Finish Friday 20 December.

Rebecca Clacy-Jones, Flora Stevenson Primary School PC queried when the change to the Christmas term dates for 2021 would be communicated as these have been changed on the CEC website. David advised a communication will be sent in the near future.

David discussed the Queen's Platinum Jubilee – 2 June 2022 noting that the UK government propose to move the end of May Bank Holiday to Thursday 2 June and give an extra holiday on Friday 3 June.

Alex Ramage noted that these dates were right in the middle of the exam season whilst other parents voiced concern that it was another day for which to find childcare.

David advised that COSLA have no position on this as yet.

Following the Scottish Election, the position may be clarified.

#### **4. School Estates Update: Robbie Crockatt**

Robbie Crockatt CEC Acting School Estate Planning Manager provided a comprehensive overview of CEC's Learning Estate.

Robbie discussed rolls and projections showing the actual city roll from 1985-2020 and projections with and without new housing involved, noting that the graph shows the regular "Wave Pattern". Robbie advised that the anticipation is that Primary Rolls are reducing.

There will however be more pressure on the outskirts of the city where there will be significant development.

##### Early Years

5 ABC Nurseries are being built. Craigentiny, Granton, Nether Currie, St John Vianney RC

and St Mark's RC are being built at present. Building work has been delayed due to unforeseen problems for the contractor. A new contractor has been appointed. A new Nursery and Library is to be built at Ratho with extensions added to both Carrick Knowe and Spinney Lane CEC Nurseries.

Forest Kindergartens are being developed in Queensferry, Cammo, Corstorphine Hill, Hawkhill and Castlebrae. Shipping containers are being refurbished for use as toilet, storage and cooking facilities. The planning application for Kirkliston Nursery and P1 class (with the potential for P2) will be going to Committee in the near future.

The plan for Pennywell (MacMillan Hub) will be the largest nursery with facilities for 180 children including babies. It will house a library, housing and North Edinburgh Arts along with early years.

Powderhall will have a nursery facility and housing for older people.

### Primary Schools

New primary schools nearing completion are Victoria and Frogston with the South Edinburgh Primary School (Canaan Lane) due for completion in August 2022.

In the design and planning stage are Maybury, Newcraighall and Builyeon Road Primary schools.

Extensions are planned for Dean Park, Echline and St David's RC with a new classroom building for Sciennes.

St Catherine's RC is due for renewal. Studies are underway to determine how services could be brought together and thus make best use of the site.

Approval has been granted for housing development at Granton Waterfront and East of Milburn Tower which will require the building of two primary schools and the situation at Gilmerton Station Road will continue to be monitored.

### Secondary

Castlebrae Community Campus is nearing completion. The design is flexible allowing for an expansion strategy.

Phase 1 of Trinity Academy is the new PE department at Bangholm. Phase 2, noting that this consists of 5/6 buildings is in the feasibility study stage with designers looking at how to make best use of the site.

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WAVE 4 schools are Currie Community High School where consultation is ongoing this will be built to Passivhaus standards. The education brief for Liberton High School is being developed at present. Wester Hailes will be incorporated into the regeneration of the area. No work has begun on Balerno High School as yet as this is part of the Capital investment plan.

Darroch (Upper Gilmore Place) will be refurbished to provide an annexe for James Gillespie's High School and Gaelic Medium Education. The latter may move to a new Liberton High School however the SNP manifesto notes GME will be incorporated into a new national strategy.

Work has started on Boroughmuir High School extension. The relocation of Early Years at Craigmoynton has yet to be discussed and at Firrhill social spaces are being discussed.

Plans are also in the development stage for an extension building at the Royal High School.

Robbie discussed the opportunities and challenges noting that the hope is to use schools as community hubs providing equity of provision to both pupils and the wider community and in line with City of Edinburgh Councils vision for 2050.

Delegates discussed the impact of the large number of Air BnB reducing in 2023 which may alter roll projections.

Robbie confirmed that there has been no name agreed for South Edinburgh Primary School for which there will be a consultation in the near future.

Karen Galloway, Bruntsfield Primary School asked for a view on creating a physical link between Bruntsfield PS and the newly community acquired St Oswald's church, Robbie advised that this would be dependent on how the entrance and exit would be supervised.

Seamus Spencer, Taobh na Pairce PC Co-Chair queried if decisions would be made on other 1140hrs related spend at the Finance Committee. Robbie confirmed that the report would provide more information. Alex Ramage advised this report should be available on 12 May.

Robbie noted that if there were any further question to please e-mail him and he will respond directly.

A copy of Robbie's presentation will be sent with the minutes.

## 5. AOCB incl issues and Attendees for CCwP

Alex Ramage advised that the next CCwP would be held on 13 May; 6 parent reps from NE & SE localities may attend. The agenda has not yet been set. This will be set at the Agenda Planning Meeting on 5 May.

Saemus Spencer, ??? Frogston PS PC Chair, Sarah Scott and Donna Gardiner will attend. Alex noted that if any other delegates wished to attend to please e mail Jack Simpson.

Delegates raised various questions in relation the Active Schools Programme. Lorna French provided the following answers which are noted below:

Active Schools have been deployed this term and won't be changed now **I can confirm Active Schools are deployed back into their original clusters and will continue to work during curricular time as well as organising a basic extra-curricular programme for those schools that have requested it.**

There is no additional admin (!?) to pay for their movement to other schools (not sure what this is- possibly a misunderstanding) **I am not aware of any additional costs.**

We wrote to parents to tell them outdoor ECA was available but not indoor **Comms will be going out to parents letting them know of the proposed changes to Active Schools in the next few weeks. Wording for the comms has still to be approved.**

There are no plans yet for indoor **I can confirm there are no plans for indoor extra-curricular activities**

There are no plans for lets in primaries as we are sharing interdependent services **agree**

We will notify when we think indoor can start, based on the roadmap, and communicate it (they want to know now if they can start in August...) **agree and may be sooner than August but FM/cleaning resources needed in order for any indoor activities to run.**

## 6. SQA Assessments Update

Darren McKinnon CEC Schools & Lifelong Learning Quality Improvement Manager discussed SQA assessments and the Alternative Certification Model.

Darren noted that assessments already completed can be counted toward the final grade. Darren also advised delegates that to avoid unconscious bias schools have been asked to implement blind marking.

In the event of an outbreak in school/schools, SQA will still require evidence. Whilst remote assessment is possible it is difficult for a large number of pupils. Discussions are ongoing with SQA over this matter noting that their initial response is that ACM *is* the contingency plan.

During the marking and moderation period, additional funding has been put in place for PSAs and relocation of staff from other sectors.

In exceptional circumstances. eg illness on exam day, bereavement, other evidence can be considered. Darren noted that it must be demonstrated attainment.

A previous query in relation to pupils with ADHD who have struggled with on-line learning impacting on their health. They have completed folio pieces at home and wish to know how this will be taken into account on a submitted folio piece.

Darren advised that again it is an issue of demonstrated attainment however work at home can be considered if there is no other available evidence.

Darren confirmed there is no announcement as yet in relation to the appeals process.

Darren also noted that SQA audit school assessments. The school will send off a sample and this will happen prior to grades being submitted.

Lorna asked that any questions be placed on Teams chat and the Department will respond.

Jack closed the meeting and thanked all Officers for their excellent presentations and all delegates for attending.

This is the last Locality Meeting for this school session. Future dates will be advised in due course.