



North East/ South East Locality

| Meeting Details | | | |
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| Date of Meeting: | 23 November 2022 | Location: | Via Microsoft Teams |

| Meeting Attendees Present | |
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| Name: | Position Held: |
| Elaine Gallagher (Chair) | Senior Education Officer CEC |
| Lynn Paterson | Senior Education Manager CEC |
| Stephen Kelly | Senior Education Manager CEC |
| Cllr Keith Robson | City of Edinburgh Council |
| Alex Ramage | Liberton High School Parent Rep Education Children & Families Committee parentrep.edin@gmail.com |
| Louise Collingwood | Kirkliston Primary School PC Parent Representative Primary Schools |
| Stephan Santjer | Bruntsfield Primary School PC |
| Jennifer Graham | Abbeyhill Primary School PC |
| Rhona Maurage | Castlebare High School PC |
| Sarah Scott | James Gillespie's High School PC |
| Natasha Lee-Walsh | Taobh na Pairce Primary School PC |
| Nancy Riach | Portobello High School PC |
| Lorraine Kneebone | Forrester High School PC Chair |
| Siobhan James | James Gillespie's Primary School PC |

| Apologies Received | |
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| No Apologies were received. | |

| 1. Welcome. |
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| Elaine Gallagher (Chair) welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were made. |

| 2. Minutes of Previous meeting |
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| <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.</p> <p>Elaine advised that Sara Collins and Louise Collingwood had been elected as Joint Parental Representatives Primary Schools and Alex Ramage would remain as Parental Representative Secondary Schools. Alex advised that the tenure of these appointments would be for around 2-2.5 years. Alex explained this this will equate to around half of the expected tenure of the current administration.</p> |

| 3. The National Discussion Consultation |
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| <p>Stephen Kelly Senior Education Manager provided an in-depth presentation outlining the invitation for the Scottish Government to work together with children, young people, parents/carers and teachers to drive change. The responses will be captured by Professors Harris and Campbell and these responses will set the foundations of what happens next.</p> <p>The consultation will ask 10 questions, 3 of which Stephen focused on during this meeting.</p> <p>Responses from delegates can be read on https://padlet.com/stephenkelly6/wq2zmxkweweez6ms</p> <p>Responses can be added to this Padlet which will form part of the response from City of Edinburgh Council or via Parent Councils or individually.</p> |

This consultation will close on 5 December.

Naomi Barton National Parent Council Representative advised delegates she and Stephen will be hosting a discussion in Liberton High School Library on Monday 28 November and anyone wishing to attend to please e mail edinburgh@npfs.org.uk

Stephen also discussed the previous consultation hosted for Professor Muir regarding replacement of the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) and the reform of Education Scotland. The response noted that Education Scotland should be split into two organisations as, at present, Education Scotland both advises and inspects and this was felt to be problematic. Also noted was the feeling that the current system relies too heavily on exams and other means of assessment will be explored. This this initiative is the responsibility of Professor Hayward who will produce an interim report by end December 2022.

The aim of this strategy is to build an ongoing system that meets the need of all learners by offering personalised pathways enabling them to make the best of opportunities in the work place.



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Discussion.ppt

A copy of Stephen's presentation herewith:

Elaine thanked Stephen for his excellent presentation.

4. Education Children & Families Update

Alex Ramage provided an update on the last Education Children and Families Committee meeting held on 15 November noting particular interest in agenda items 7.7, 7.9 7.12 and the motion of 9.1. The latter was in relation to You Tube being pulled from iPads as learners could view inappropriate content. This has now been reinstated with controls in place however this has resulted in some content which learners should be able to access being restricted.

This issue will be raised at the forthcoming CCwP.

Alex also noted the intention is to have a stand- alone Gaelic High School along with 2 further Primary Schools.

Alex also advised that a deputation was made by EIS (Teachers' Union) in relation to widespread IT problems in schools which, it was felt, have not been addressed properly.

EIS called for pressure to be put on the company paid by the council to run school IT systems to ensure improvements are made.

This issue will also be raised at the forthcoming CCwP.

Alex noted that all the agenda items can be viewed via the link below.

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=143&MId=6554&Ver=4>

The issue of Parental Reps not being allowed a voted at this committee was raised. Alex noted that legislation paper would need to be looked at closely by someone with legal knowledge, one delegate has offered assistance.

5. Communication

Lynn Paterson requested that any questions relating to School issues should, in the first instance be posed to the Head Teacher, thereafter could issues be directed to the Parental Engagement mails box: Parental.Engagement@edinburgh.gov.uk

The request was also made that any issues for AOB be communicate to this e mail address at least 24 hours prior to the Locality Meeting -this to try and provide an answer on the day of the meeting

5. AOCB

Alex Ramage raised the issue of Vaping in schools and school toilets. This is an area of concern as parents have been noting that children are under pressure to try Vaping when they visit the toilets, thus discouraging children from using the toilet. Officers noted that there is no specific policy covering this issue as it is fairly new but acknowledged that peer pressure to vape is bullying.

Elaine will look into what work is being done on this issue and Alex requested that any comments from Parent Councils be forwarded to him as he will raise this not only at the next CCwP but also at the subsequent Education Children and Families Committee.

Delegates agreed that this is a most worrying issue.

Alex Ramage noted that the paper for the Education Children and Families Committee are published one week in advance of the meeting however Parents have no input into the papers and requested thought on how we ensure parents voices are in the papers.

Alex requested suggestions be e mailed to him.

James Gillespie's PC Eco Committee raised the issue of the proposed planning application for Midmar Paddock which, if agreed would result in almost 75% of the area being lost to public access. The hope being that other schools join in the objection.

It was agreed that relevant papers be sent to the Parental Engagement Mail Box For forwarding to PC Chair then onto parent forums.

4. CCwP

Alex reminded attendee that the next CCwP will be held on 6 December 6-8pm in The City chambers.

It is yet to be confirmed, however Alex is confident this will be a hybrid meeting therefore parents may also join on- line.

6 delegates from this meeting may attend and Alex requested that if anyone wished to attend, please e mail the Parental Engagement mail box to enable a formal invitation to be issued.

Lorraine Kneebone and Nancy Riach and Sarah Scott will attend

There being no other business Elaine closed the meeting and thanked all for attending.

| Next Meeting | | |
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| Date | Venue | Time |
| TBA | Microsoft Teams | 6.30-8.30pm |