

Parent Council Locality Meeting North East / South East Meeting 27 September 2023

Minutes

Agenda

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| 1. Welcome | C Chrystal |
| Purpose of meetings | |
| 2. Education Improvement Themes | L Budge |
| – Sustainability | |
| 3. Overview of Session 23/24 | S Kelly |
| 4. Draft Session Dates | David Maguire |
| 5. Connect News | C Chrystal |
| 6. Parental reporting invitation | C Chrystal |
| 7. Issues from your Localities | All |
| 8. AOCB | |

	Item	Minute	Action
1	Purpose of Meeting	C Chrystal opened meeting. Focal point of these meetings is to ensure CEC listen to and respond to parental views on CEC work. CC shared the timeline for CCwP and associate meetings. See attached.	
2	Thematic Improvement - Sustainability	<p>L Budge gave an overview of the work being researched, planned and delivered in the field of Sustainability. Self-evaluation has shown that this is in response to pupil wishes. 3 key areas – Global Citizenship, Sustainable Development in Education, Outdoor Learning. “X” handle, formerly Twitter, @edinburghlfs</p> <p>CEC Action plan on sustainability has been written, shortly to be presented at committee but articulates with Scotgov National Plan https://www.gov.scot/publications/target-2030-movement-people-planet-prosperity/</p> <p>Currently, additional staffing budget to all schools equivalent to 1 teacher for half a day to develop a strategic approach for embedding Learning for Sustainability (LfS) approaches in the curriculum</p> <p>Parents responded favourably to this initiative. S Ross (JGPS) spoke favourably about the ECO Schools project which her school is embarking on</p>	

		and asked if any other school would like to work with them.	
3	Overview of Session 23/24	<p>S Kelly, Head of Education shared a powerpoint detailing the work that has been done in 2022-23 in several areas including wider achievement, outdoor learning, health and wellbeing, empowered learning and attainment gains in all 3 school sectors. Significant advances have been made in closing the attainment gap – however this remains an area for continuous improvement.</p> <p>PPT attached.</p> <p>S Ross raised the issue of Empowered Learning and its efficacy.</p> <p>H Clifford asked about how schools support learners and how to close the gap.</p> <p>J Graham raised concerns about P4 age group and the issues surrounding attainment for what is known as the “Covid Group”</p> <p>S Kelly responded that there were multiple approaches including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership for Equity training • QIEO support for schools • PA funding and funding from partners eg businesses, Positive Equity Fund • Identifying and addressing barriers for learning • Teacher learning <p>S Kelly also spoke about Tracking and Monitoring and the development and introduction of key interventions where needed</p> <p>He informed parents that there is an Equity Board if any parent wished to volunteer to sit on there may be a vacancy.</p> <p>There was also discussion around work experience for all. S Kelly replied that in schools we seek to provide the appropriate work experience to meet specific needs rather than a one-size fits all, from the SQA Employability Award to bespoke internships from S4-S6 and the JET programme.</p>	<p>D McKee to be invited to Locality Meeting – Digital Pedagogy for empowered learning</p> <p>S Kelly to check</p> <p>Stuart Burns (JET) to be invited to present at later meeting</p>
4	Draft Session dates for 25/26 and 26/27	D Maguire shared the draft session dates which have been compiled in consultation with parent reps, staff reps from secondary and primary schools and CEC staff. Please share with PCs and feedback due by 24 November to David.maguire@edinburgh.gov.uk	D Maguire

5	Connect News	<p>CC signposted the submission made by Connect to Scotgov regarding the debate on Behaviour in schools</p> <p>https://connect.scot/news</p>	
6	Parental issues AOCB	<p><u>Excursions</u></p> <p>Concerns were raised about council policy regarding excursions and foreign excursions. This policy has been undergoing amendments and is to be presented to Committee in November. S Scott (JGHS) reported that she had sat on the Impact Assessment group and reported that there were several issues impacting on council policy from equity and equality of access, health and safety considerations to environmental impact.</p> <p>Discussion around whether or not PCs should/could make applications to for Charitable status. Some schools have done this already. A Ramage advised that it was possible but that CONNECT advised against it.</p> <p>G Staerk raised the inconsistency of home learning provision during the ancillary staff industrial action. S Kelly advised that any parent could complain in the first instance to the head teacher of the school and if this was not resolved a complaint can be made by emailing CF.complaints@edinburgh.gov.uk</p> <p>The council have a rigorous procedure in following up complaints.</p> <p>PC rep from Drummond concerned re S1 not currently having access to 1:1 devices.</p>	<p>CC - CEC</p> <p>A Burgess to report to CCwP on 11th October 6pm – 8pm</p> <p>Invite/have feedback from Connect at subsequent meeting</p> <p>Response from R Robertson HT sent to parent rep</p>
7	AOCB	<p>A Ramage raised that there seemed to be ongoing concerns regarding Vaping in school. These concerns were shared by a number of PC representatives.</p> <p>A Ramage asked for parental feedback on Empowered Learning. Are parents noticing a change in pedagogy which shows young people</p>	<p>Matter to be discussed at CCwP on 11th October 6pm – 8pm</p>

	<p>are learning how to use IT to enrich their learning? Feedback to A Ramage</p> <p>A Ramage asked for volunteers to represent parents at the CCwP meeting 11 October @ 6.00pm TEAMS</p> <p>Responses from: Helen Clifford Jennifer Graham Eva Oliviera Keith Robson</p>	<p>Email parentrep.edin@gmail.com</p>
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