



Committee Minutes

Consultative Committee with Parents

Edinburgh, 28 September 2010

Elected Members Present:- Councillor MacLaren (Convener)

Parent/School Members Present:- as detailed on the appendix to this minute

Apologies:- Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor P Godzik, Alison Walker, Jane Watson, Donald Craigie, Susan Edwards and Tracy Rendall.

1 Minute of Meeting

The minute of meeting of the Consultative Committee with Parents of 11 May 2010 was approved as a correct record subject to Item 5 being renumbered as Item 4 on the Minute.

2 CCWP – Future Arrangements

M Rosendale spoke to the circulated report which took into account all of the views expressed to date about the future of the CCwP. The report attempted to set out some proposed changes to the CCwP's structure and operation and how these might be taken forward.

He went on to outline the proposals in the report for immediate changes to the membership, structure and operation of the CCwP.

During discussion on the various options presented in the report, it was suggested that CCwP meetings should include time set aside for informal discussion between members. In addition, that an opportunity be given to members to forward Items for discussion to officials closer to the meeting date.

Decisions

- (i) To note the report;
- (ii) Agreed to hold 5 CCwP business meetings;
- (iii) Agreed to hold 2 Revenue Budget meetings to which all Parent Council Chairs would attend;

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- (iv) Agreed to hold a further additional CCwP meeting to which all Parent Council Chairs would be invited to discuss a topic of interest;
- (v) Agreed Item 3.6 of the report on the establishment of a working group to carry out a review of the Department's current strategy e.g. resources, Curriculum for Excellence, Additional Support for Learning and report back to the CCwP before the end of the current academic session; and
- (vi) Agreed that an Item be included at the end of the CCwP Agenda to discuss "Parent Council Raised Issues" ie AOB

3 Update by Convener and Director

In addition to the Director's Report which had been circulated, there was tabled a further update by the Convener.

Members agreed that it was helpful to receive an update from the Director in advance of the meeting. It was noted that a report on "Community Access to Schools" would be going to the Education, Children and Families Committee on Tuesday 9 November 2010.

Decisions

- (i) To note the update; and
- (ii) Agreed that a report on "Community Access to Schools" be placed as an Item on the Agenda for the next CCwP.

4 Early Years Service (including Primary 1 deferrals)

A McLean, Neighbourhood Manager (South), Early Years and Childcare, gave a presentation on the "Early Years Strategy". She covered the following topics;

- The Early Years Strategy
- Early Years Budget
- Pre-school Education Summary
- Deferred entry to P1 and comparison with other Local Authorities
- Approximate breakdown of 2010/11 figures
- The Way Forward
- What the research base tells about delaying school entry
- Scottish research
- Longer term outcomes
- Why delay school entry; and
- Overall conclusions

The Committee was informed that the City of Edinburgh Council had the highest number of deferrals in Scotland. H Gorton, Educational Psychologist provided

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further background information on this, and explained that the reasons for deferral were being looked at, questioned and examined.

Due to lack of research and information available in the United Kingdom on why parents deferred sending their child to primary school and the effects this had on a child later in their life, she had personally undertaken research on this topic.

Decision

To thank A McLean, H Gorton and A Kiely for their presentation.

5 Positive Destinations

K Prophet, Head of Quality and Curriculum, gave a presentation on "CfE/16+ Learning Choices – The Senior Phase". She covered the following items;

- Relevant, inspiring, engaging education for every child and young person in Scotland 3 – 18;
- Curriculum for Excellence Learner entitlements;
- 16+ Learning Choices;
- Positive Destinations and National Indicators;
- School Leaver Destination Results
- "Traditional" positive destinations and New "First Step" destinations;
- City of Edinburgh Council MCMC Partnership Group;
- The Senior Phase of Curriculum for Excellence;
- 16+ Learning Choices;
- MCMC – Schools;
- Meeting the Needs of the Learner;
- A Glimpse of the Future Timetable?; and
- Partnership Working

The Group found the report to be very informative and motivational. It was recognised that the aim was to encourage children to remain in school and keep them engaged in activities, rather than have them leave at the earliest opportunity.

Decision

To thank K Prophet for her presentation.

6 Placing in Schools Appeal Committee: Nominations

The Committee was asked to nominate two people to serve on the Placing in Schools Appeal Committee.

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Decision

Agreed that members consider the request and contact officials with names of any representatives.

7 Date of Next Meeting

Noted that the next CCwP meeting would take place at 6.30pm on Tuesday 2 November 2010 in the City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh. Future meeting dates would be provided at that meeting.

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Appendix

Parent/School Members Present

NAME	REPRESENTING
Chris Marks	Leith Primary School
Tina Woolnough	The Royal High School
Claire Murdoch	Dean Park Primary School
Jill Franklin	Flora Stevenson/Stockbridge Primary Schools
Andrea Bracher	Kaimes Primary School
Julie-Ann Sime	Tollcross Primary School
Jeanna Brady	Bruntsfield Primary School
Bruce Sherry	East Craigs Primary School
Dougie Cameron	Braidburn Special School
Ann Henderson	James Gillespies High School
Raymond Simpson	Queensferry High School
Willie French	Parsons Green Primary School
Rory Mackenzie	Balerno High School
Francis Barkey	Balerno High School
Kevin O'Donnell	Trinity Academy
Ian McGillivray	Firrhill High School
Karen Traill	Liberton High School
Gordon Chumbra	Broughton Primary School
Lesley Gibson-Eaglesham	Liberton Primary School
Eileen Prior	SPTC