

East Neighbourhood Group Meeting

Monday 1st September 2014

Portobello High School 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Chair: Moyra Wilson, Senior Education Officer

Minutes: Liz Leslie, Queensferry High School

Present:

Ruth Wood, Parent Council Member, Parsons Green Primary School
 Kirsty McWilliam, Parent Council Chair, St John's RC Primary School
 Barbara Service, Head Teacher, ST John's RC Primary School
 Lorraine Legrix, Head Teacher, Holy Rood RC High School
 Stephen Dishon, Parent Council Rep, Towerbank Primary School/Portobello Community Council
 Rob Luke, Parent Council Rep, The Royal High Primary School
 David Robertson, Parent Council Rep, Duddingston Primary School
 Ian Johnston, Parent Council Chair, Duddingston Primary School
 Norma Prentice, Acting Head Teacher, Castlebrae Community High School

Apologies:

Peigi McArthur, Head Teacher, Portobello High School

Simon Collins, Parent Council Rep, Holy Rood RC High School

1. /2.	<p><u>Welcome and Apologies</u> Moyra Wilson welcomed the group to the meeting and apologies were noted as above. She introduced Crawford McGhie, Asset Planning Manager and Tina Sutherland, Communications Officer who attended the meeting to present information on the Local Development Plan. It was agreed to put this item first on the agenda.</p>	Action
4.	<p><u>Local Development Plan</u> Crawford McGhie from Asset Planning went through a presentation to the group on the 2nd Proposed Local Development Plan. The key points from the presentation are as follows (presentation and documents can be accessed online) :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local development plans are prepared every 5 years and the action programmes are updated every 2 years. • The first plan was published 12 months ago but the overall strategic plan required it to change • The latest review highlighted a shortfall of 8,484 units. Approximately 1500 in this neighbourhood. • Every Local Development Plan has to have an Action Programme attached to it re infrastructure. The action programme includes all development sites • The plan needs to be approved by the Scottish Government and is expected to be adopted in February 2016 • There are drop in sessions for the public at various sites and dates and these can be accessed on the website. There will be the opportunity to look at plans, ask questions and find out about representation. • Asset Management work with Education colleagues to look at what educational provisional will be required for the new sites and actions are then compiled grouped in contribution zones across the city. Developers will be required to contribute to the cost of the provision of adequate school accommodation and other infrastructure needs • In the East, there are currently 3 new sites in this Local Development 	Parent Councils and schools to make documentation available to parents

	<p>Plan all in the Newcraighall PS catchment area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The contribution zone for the East is Castlebrae • From this development plan, there is a proposal for a new 14 class primary school in the Brunstane area and a possible 2 class extension to Newcraighall PS. The new housing units may require an additional capacity of 255 pupils in Castlebrae High School pending a feasibility study. • From the last plan new schools at Portobello and Craigmillar are going ahead but a new school at Greendykes is to be reviewed 	
3.	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising</u></p> <p>Page 1 – Moyra put forward the proposal for a parental nomination to be included in the achievement awards and this will happen next year.</p> <p>Page 2 - Typo in national attendance stats to be amended to 91.9%</p> <p>Page 2 – Working Group on Parking/Road Safety – this did take place and Kirsty McWilliam attended. Gavin Brown and Mark Simmonds from CEC were there and discussed a proposal to bring in legislation to allow CCTV footage to be used to prosecute drivers causing a hazard outside schools. They have asked PC Chairs to discuss with their members and feedback comments as this is seen as the way forward to tackle this problem. Cllr Godzik has written to parliament on this ongoing issue.</p> <p>Page 2 – School Streets – 31 schools have applied to be part of this pilot and a number have been asked for more information in support of their application. Lorraine advised that at Holy Rood it was becoming increasingly dangerous and Moyra asked her to bring issues from their next parent council meeting to the next neighbourhood meeting. Parent councils are welcome to send members to the working group or to the CCwP on this issue. Lorraine also update the group on information about the closure of Duddingston Road West which will be closed for 6 weeks to upgrade the railway bridge. This is an issue for transport buses as there will be a shuttle bus link from the service buses but the school buses will have to find an alternative route to get to the school and may require earlier pickups. Moyra will speak to Gavin Brown about this.</p> <p>Ian Johnston asked for an update on this as he is the new chair at Duddingston. Moyra outlined the reasoning behind the project and the kind of problems that schools have been experiencing.</p> <p>Page 3 – All relevant information has been sent out and Barbara has been contacted about the plans for the new school. Meeting dates have been confirmed.</p>	<p>LL/MW to update minutes</p> <p>PC Chairs to discuss with parents and feedback</p> <p>Holy Rood PC to bring issues to next meeting</p> <p>MW to speak to Gavin Brown about pupil safety during this time</p>
5.	<p><u>Neighbourhood Issues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free School Meals for P1 – P3 at St John’s RC Primary School. Barbara has discussed the problems that St John’s would have in implementing this if every pupil in P1 – P3 takes a meal. The dining hall is also the gym hall so in order to meet the PE requirements of 2 hours per week, they have to have the hall in use right up to lunch time and as soon as it is over. In order to accommodate every pupil, they would have to extend school hours to cope with a longer lunchtime. Following discussions with Laura Nisbet, Food Development Officer – parents were asked if they were planning to take up the offer to try and gauge likely numbers. Billy McIntyre is coming to talk to the CCwP about this on Monday as it is a problem for many primary schools and Moyra will advise him of concerns from this meeting. • Stephen Dishon from Towerbank PS asked about Wisepay and where we were with the pilot/rollout. Moyra advised that although Edinburgh had piloted it, it had now become a national initiative. Scotexcel will produce tender documents and Edinburgh can then 	<p>MW will speak to Billy McIntyre about this issue at CCwP</p>

	<p>approach companies to rollout the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen also had a query about schools websites. Schools were originally advised to use schools online which meant there was a relatively simple and consistent template for schools to follow but now it has changed to WordPress. Why? Moyra will ask her website coordinator about this and email an answer to Stephen. • Duddingston PS have had the school set up as a charitable trust. Ian will bring information about this to the next meeting for any other interested schools. 	<p>MW to reply to Stephen about this</p> <p>IJ to bring information to next meeting</p>
6.	<p><u>Directors Briefing</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exam Results – very good across the city and pleased with the results. Congratulations to pupils and thanks to teaching staff. Lorraine advised that the results at Holy Rood had exceeded a lot of the criteria across the board. The way results are being recorded is changing and schools will be using Insight which is a much fairer measurement than Free Meal Entitlement. It now also looks at the latest and best qualification that pupils have when they leave. Castlebrae is also now getting attainment for vocational courses. Schools are still waiting for data on new qualifications but the signs are good. 2. New Portobello High School – finally agreed and work starting immediately. Typo amend to Royal Assent. 3. Anti-Bullying – there was a presentation on this at the last CCwP and documentation has been sent to all schools from Respectme. Can be accessed online at www.respectme.org.uk/publications.html 4. Edinburgh and the Commonwealth Games – an amazing event and great work by the Sports Unit/Active Schools. 5. Literacy Development and the Fresh Start Programme – good positive feedback, gains from the Fresh Start Programme are carried forward into the SRA programme in secondaries. 40 primaries are now involved with the Fresh Start scheme. 6. Positive Destinations – best ever result this year at 91.4% which is higher than the national average. Lots of hard work undertaken by staff developing partnership working with colleges and employers and engaging with the business community. Early Years have appointed 11 modern apprentices. 7. Partnership with College and University – this session will see the further development of links with QMU/colleges/schools and employers where pupils who are not taking 5 Highers will be able to study HNC courses which will give them automatic admission to year 2 of the course. Edinburgh North are piloting an engineering degree with Napier and Heriot-Watt. The aim is to broaden availability of courses, develop skills and gain work experience to meet employment shortages and build links with business. 8. New Playground Developments – lots of amazing developments ongoing in conjunction with Grounds for Learning. Moyra attended the opening of Lorne Primary where the new playground was welcomed by children, staff and parents alike. The exercise has been very valuable and primaries have seen an improvement in behaviour and a move towards allowing children to play and take more risks. St Johns invested heavily in playground landscaping last session and it has made a tremendous difference. 9. 2 Hours PE - 95% primaries and 96% secondaries are now meeting the target. In answer to a query, Moyra confirmed that schools have 	

	<p>to record 2 full hours of curricular PE. The walk to and from an activity for example would not count towards the time.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Developing 1:1 Digital Learning – 9000 iPads have currently been given out in secondary schools. Would ultimately like to develop the use of 1:1 devices from P6. No political agreement as yet about BYOD (bring your own device). 11. Cooperative Schools Award – Broughton piloted and achieved but want all schools to be involved. 12. After Schools Club Launch and New Cooperative and Childcare Charter – launched at Murrayburn Primary School 13. Summer Playschemes – well attended and very positive feedback 14. Achievement Awards – ceremony takes place on 11th September. Parental award nomination to be in place for next year 15. Paolozzi Prize Ceremony – excellent event of a very high standard involving pupils across the City of Edinburgh Council. Holy Rood had 3 nominations and the overall winner. A great night for staff and pupils. 16. Education, Children and Families Committee – information on the range of reports covered can be accessed at edinburghbrightfutures.com. Next meeting 11/09/14. Gillian is always also looking for lots of school updates and information to put on the blog. 17. CCwP – Last meeting 15/5 focussing on Bullying and BOLD. Next meeting will focus on Local Development Plan and school estate. 	
7.	<p><u>AOCB</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Rood RC High School would like the proper spelling of the school name noted. • Following a discussion on the sharing of best practice, it was agreed that a section would be added to the agenda/website for the ideas and updates to be added for schools to share. From this meeting there had been interesting discussions on gaining charitable status, developing a trim trail and developing school websites and these are topics that might be of interest to other schools. In addition, fundraising ideas should be added. • Towerbank PS were looking for information on running after school clubs and Moyra will get back to Stephen on this. • Can parent councils get names of volunteers to attend CCwP to Moyra as soon as possible. 	PC Chairs names to MW asap
	<p><u>Next Meeting</u> Tuesday 25th November at Portobello High School 6.30pm</p>	