

East Neighbourhood Group Meeting

Item 7.6

Wednesday 11 February 2015

Portobello High School 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Chair: Maria Plant, Inclusion Officer

Minutes: Liz Leslie, Queensferry High School

Present:

Lorraine Legrix, Head Teacher, Holyrood High School RC
 Rob Luke, PC Rep, The Royal High Primary School
 Kevin Brack, Acting HT, Brunstane Primary School
 David Robertson, PC Rep, Duddingston Primary School
 Simon Collins, Parent Council Rep, Holyrood High School RC
 Kirsty McWilliam, Parent Council Chair, St John's RC Primary School

Apologies:

Alison Holligan, PC Council, Portobello High School
 Gordon Kaye, PC Chair, The Royal High Primary School
 Ian Johnston, PC Chair, PC Chair, Duddingston Primary School
 Donald McGregor, PC Council, Portobello High School
 Ruth Wood, PC Council, Parsons Green Primary School

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| 1. | <p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising</u> Page 1 – Agreed Page 2 – Agreed Page 3 – Agreed Page 3 – Agreed No matters arising</p> | |
| 2. | <p><u>Directors Report</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Budget</u> – council budget meeting this Thursday 12th February. The intention is still to protect schools from any significant budget cuts. 2. <u>Child Protection Report</u> – the National Report on the Effectiveness of Child Protection Arrangements across Scotland (Nov 2014) highlighted three areas of good practice currently being used in Edinburgh i.e. the Speak Up, Speak Out Campaign, the Electronic Inter-Agency Referrals and the Keeping Safe Booklets. 3. <u>Education Scotland Feedback about Education Services in Edinburgh</u> – The report was very positive about highlighted areas of commendation and areas for development. An additional sheet was handed out with the full details from the report for parent council chairs to share with parents. This can be sent electronically by contacting Moyra. 4. <u>Community Access to Schools</u> – Now being managed on a neighbourhood basis and five hubs have been created. Moyra will send FAQ sheet to chairs. 5. <u>Free School Meals</u> – funding was received from the Scottish Government to accommodate all the building changes required to ensure all P1 – P3 receive FSM. Peter Watten attending next CCwP. 6. <u>First Minister Visits</u> – very successful 7. <u>Special Schools Partnership Working</u> trip to panto was an incredible undertaking but very well enjoyed and appreciated and funded. 8. <u>Teen Triple P (Positive Parenting Programme)</u> – Details can be found on www.joininedinburgh.org. 9. <u>Education, Children and Families Committee</u> – next meeting on 3rd March. Committee papers available online on 25th. Next CCwP 26th February. 10. <u>Improving School Websites</u> – Graeme Smith has produced School Website Guidelines (http://orb.edinburgh.gov.uk/schoolsontheweb) | <p>PC chairs to update parents and contact MW for copy if requ'd</p> <p>MW to send out copies</p> <p>Any comments or feedback on</p> |

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| | Parents can have access to this if they are involved in producing or updating the website but there must be a school staff administrator. Graeme has audited all school websites and produced red, amber and green information on their compliance with council policy and legislation. All HTs to be sent a report about their website. | Directors Report to MW from PC Chairs |
| 3. | <p><u>Vision For Schools</u></p> <p>An information sheet on the Vision for Schools in Edinburgh and what the aims are under each heading was distributed. Parent councils are asked to give feedback on the document i.e. what they think is being done well and what areas could be developed by the next CCwP meeting on 26th February.</p> | PC Chairs to feedback to MW by 26/2 |
| 4. | <p><u>Property, Facilities Management and School Meals</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Property and Meal issues sent to Peter Watten | |
| 5. | <p><u>Better Relationships Policy</u></p> <p>The policy was sent out to schools and parent councils for feedback. Moyra thanked all the parent councils for their responses. All the information is being collated and any changes required being made to provide an updated version to be issued in April.</p> | MW to distribute in April |
| 6. | <p><u>Appointment of Parent Rep to Education, Children and Families Committee</u></p> <p>David Robertson will attend CCwP as Primary Rep Simon Collins will attend as Secondary Rep</p> | |
| 7. | <p><u>Issues</u></p> <p>Supply teachers – interviews are now being held at centre for probationers and temp staff to go on supply list to try and alleviate problem of supply in primary school</p> <p>Safer Routes to School Pilot St Johns RC PS – Consultation meeting was not well attended and lots of questions not answered. Concerns over enforcement and issues with residents permits. Due to start in August.</p> <p>Walk Once a Week Campaign – pupils liking this programme, get badges and have competitions. Living Streets Programme. Some schools putting leaflets on cars. Back up from schools needed.</p> <p>Brunstane PS – problem with attendance and punctuality. Starting a walking bus. Will be parent led and a coffee stop will be started.</p> | |
| | <p><u>Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Tuesday 12 May 2015 at Portobello High School</p> | |