

South West Neighbourhood Group Meeting

Tuesday 5 May 2015

Wester Hailes Community High School 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Chair: Maria Plant, Inclusion Coordinator

Minutes: Liz Leslie, Queensferry High School

Present:

James Nicol, PC Chair, Nether Currie Primary School

Sheila Nicol, HT Nether Currie Primary School

Jackie Smith, WHEC PTA Chair

Apologies:

Marion Milne, Balerno Community Council

1/2.	Maria welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted as above	Action
3.	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising</u> CCwP information to be sent to Stephen Preston and James Nicol Online payment system still being discussed nationally. Will be carried forward to next meeting Website information was sent out by Moyra Wilson Better Relationships, Better Behaviour, Better Learning – feedback was collated by Moyra Wilson and procedure has been sent to Gillian Tee for sign off before going back to schools. The policy document relating to this will be sent out after the summer. Minutes were approved.</p>	<p>MW to send out details MW c/f to next agenda Information to be sent out when available</p>
4.	<p><u>Directors Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCwP update on Facilities Management. Peter Watten attended the meeting and agreed to look at all the issues outstanding and to communicate with schools about their individual issues. Has committed to resolving any issues that have health and safety implications regardless of budget. Was received very positively by CCwP reps. • Budget statement – positive that it is balanced and school budget is protected but will have knock on effects due to the impact on other services. • Sports Hub Investment – good to see proposal for more funding for sports hubs around the city. Sheila advised that Heriot Watt University were developing community sports provision and making links with local schools. • New primary school buildings – much more ECO friendly, bright and spacious • Catchment review - change of policy in this instance. Consultation process has begun. • Teacher Numbers – HTs in primary schools have been involved in the recruitment process. Want to retain NQT's and stop good staff leaving due to temporary contracts. • Meeting Dates – Education, Children and Families Committee on 19th May (papers online 13th may). CCwP 14th May 	

5.	<p><u>Equalities, Anti Bullying</u> There is a course on this topic which are open to parents running on 9th June from 7pm – 9pm (Course Code CF 2188) to help parent councils to engage with culturally diverse groups and migrant population. Venue to be confirmed. Courses can be booked through schools or check on CEC website.</p>	Parent councils to book through school if interested
6.	<p><u>Placements, Rising Rolls</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All placements were completed seven weeks early and consequently the appeals procedure has just started early and will go on until June. • Nether Currie Primary School is not a rising rolls school and is, in fact quite the opposite and they would like a review of their catchment area. This has been taken up with their local councillor. • Catchment places are only guaranteed at P1 by 28 February and having a sibling at school does not guarantee a place. 	
7.	<p><u>Issues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nether Currie PS – would like to set up an after school care club and are looking for as much help with this process as possible. Council contacts would be useful. There is an issue with accommodation as no funding has been forthcoming for a portacabin. The parent council needs help with setup costs. Would initially set it up in school but would prefer it to be a separate entity. Visited Murrayburn and have spoken to Robbie Crockett and Lindsay Glasgow. Working with Oscars to provide the service. Would like a list of people to speak to in the council and to know the steps of the process to get this up and running. If it was in place it would encourage more parents to send their children to NCPS. Would consider a breakfast club in the future. Would be useful if there was a starter pack for parent councils on setting up after school care. Surveyed parents and already have 30 positive responses. Maria will speak to Aileen Mclean about this. • WHEC – issue of lack of funds for text books. Maria will speak to Sheila Paton to get more information on this. 	<p>MP to speak to Aileen Mclean and Moyra Wilson about getting help with this</p> <p>MP to ask SP for information</p>
8.	<p><u>Sharing Good Practice</u> Nothing to report at this meeting</p>	
9.	<p><u>AOCB</u> James asked about the Study Guides for Nationals and whether there were any centralised collated guides to resources. Most schools have own website information and use Edmodo. National Parent Forum study guides are proving very useful to both pupils and staff. Next Neighbourhood meeting dates to be confirmed.</p>	MW to confirm dates