

Naming of new Gaelic medium primary school

Education, Children and Families Committee

9 October 2012

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To update members on the process of choosing a name for the new Gaelic medium primary school sited in the former Bonnington Primary school building in Bonnington Road.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Council has already decided to re-furbish the former Bonnington Primary building and convert it to a dedicated Gaelic medium primary school with a view to opening it at the start of the academic year 2013-14.
- 2.2 As part of the process a steering group comprising, officers, teachers and parents have been meeting to take forward various forward planning aspects.
- 2.3 The new school will formally seek applications for the new P1 intake in December 2012 and consequently there is a preference for an early decision on the name of the new school.

3. Main report

- 3.1 It was decided, by the steering group, together with senior officers of the Council that the best way forward in terms of choosing a name was to involve the current pupils in the Gaelic Medium unit at Tollcross Primary school.
- 3.2 Consequently a period of activity involving visits to the new school building, discussion of the geographical and historical context to the school and school based workshops on possible names has ensued.
- 3.3 The school drew up a short list of possible names and voting took place on 24 September across all year groups.
- 3.4 The name chosen by the pupils is Parkside Primary School which is Bun-sgoil Taobh na Pàirce translated into Gaelic.

4. Financial implications

- 4.1 Once the school name is decided signage etc will be designed with the new school name and subsequently designed logo. This is included in the sum already earmarked for the building of the new school.

5. Environmental impact

- 5.1 There is no environmental impact associated with this decision.

6. Recommendation

- 6.1 Committee is asked to approve the name of the new school chosen by the pupils as Parkside Primary School - 'Bun-sgoil Taobh na Pàirce'.

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Appendices	None
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Wards affected	Ward 12 Leith Walk
Single Outcome Agreement	N/A
Background Papers	