Minutes Item 4.1

Education, Children and Families Committee

10.00am, Tuesday 11 December 2018

Present:

Councillors Perry (Convener), Dickie (Vice-Convener), Bird, Mary Campbell, Corbett, Griffiths, Howie, Laidlaw (items 1 and 2), Rose (substituting for Councillor Laidlaw for items 3 to 25), Rust, Smith and Young.

Religious Representative

Rabbi David Rose

Parent Representative

Alexander Ramage (non-voting)

Motion by Councillor Laidlaw – Trial of AV1 Inclusive Learning Technology

Decision

To note that Councillor Laidlaw had withdrawn his motion.

2. Deputation – NLRP12

The Committee received a deputation from John Wallace on behalf of NLRP12 in relation to the trial of AV1 inclusive learning technology.

Mr Wallace acknowledged that Councillor Laidlaw had withdrawn his motion, but did not agree that the issue had been dealt with. He stated that his son's right to education had been denied for too long, considering the time that had lapsed since he had first asked the Council to permit his son to use the AV1 device.

The AV1 device was beneficial for pupils with disabilities and most of the school community had no issues with making a reasonable adjustment to allow its use. Furthermore, there was international support and legislation to help people with disabilities, including a statement from the Equalities and Human Rights Commission.

Mr Wallace asked the Committee to take into account and comply with equalities legislation and to seek an early resolution to the matter.

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Decision

To note the issues raised.

3. Petition for Consideration – Edinburgh Central Library vs Virgin Hotel

a) Presentation by Principal Petitioner

The Committee received a presentation from Neil Simpson, the principal petitioner, who spoke on behalf of his petition – Edinburgh Central Library vs Virgin Hotel.

He stressed the importance of safeguarding the Category A listed Central Library as a key resource in the literary and cultural landscape of Edinburgh. The Central Library was the City's flagship library, but there had been a lack of investment. Various proposals had been put forward and it was now necessary to address the critical condition of the building, however, Mr Simpson stated there seemed to be a lack of urgency and a failure to ring-fence funding

There were a number of issues to be addressed one of which was the significant loss of daylight. In a recent property condition survey, the Central Library had received a C or poor rating.

Mr Simpson requested the Committee to urgently review the project for the Central Library in the form of a dedicated report which clarified ambitions, particularly floor area requirements for core library services and the requirement for day-lit and sunny rooms for the City Library.

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b) Report by the Chief Executive

Details were reported of a petition which had been submitted in respect of the Edinburgh Central Library vs Virgin Hotel.

The petition called on the Council to:

- (a) Request a detailed report on Edinburgh Central Library as a flagship cultural project of national and international significance commensurate with existing professional advice to the Council and the Council's own reports.
- (b) Request a detailed report on purchasing back land and buildings which formed part of the India Buildings hotel-led development, sold by the Council without a full consultation on the implications for the Central Library.

Motion

- 1) To consider the terms of the petition 'Edinburgh Central Library vs Virgin Hotel' as set out in Appendix one of the report by the Chief Executive.
- 2) To note that the second request in the petition set out at paragraph 1.2.2 above did not fall within the remit of the Education, Children & Families Committee; therefore, to agree to refer that part of the petition to the Finance and Resources Committee for its consideration.
- moved by Councillor Perry, seconded by Councillor Dickie

Amendment

To request that the annual report on the Lifelong Learning Plan scheduled for October 2019 included within it options for the Central Library drawing on past and current studies and feasibility exercises and a clear vision for its role in the city's cultural landscape.

- moved by Councillor Corbett, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

In accordance with Standing Order 21(11), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Perry:

- 1) To consider the terms of the petition 'Edinburgh Central Library vs Virgin Hotel' as set out in Appendix one of the report by the Chief Executive.
- 2) To request that the annual report on the Lifelong Learning Plan scheduled for October 2019 included within it options for the Central Library drawing on past and current studies and feasibility exercises and a clear vision for its role in the city's cultural landscape.
- 3) To note that the second request in the petition set out at paragraph 1.2.2 above did not fall within the remit of the Education, Children & Families Committee; therefore, to agree to refer that part of the petition to the Finance and Resources Committee for its consideration.

(References – Act of Council No 2 of 22 June 2017; report by the Chief Executive, submitted)

4. Motion by Councillor Young – Violence and Work Survey

(a) Deputation – EIS/UNISON

The Committee received a deputation from Alison Murphy (EIS), who spoke on behalf of EIS/UNISON in respect of the Violence and Work Survey. She explained that Unison were unable to attend, but as this was a joint survey, she would speaking on behalf of both trade unions.

A joint survey had been carried out in 2018, to address members' concerns about violence and verbal assaults on staff.

The survey had concluded that staff had experienced physical violence and verbal abuse which led to stress and possibly absence. A number of respondents had stated that they regarded dealing with violence as part of their job, but were unaware of reporting mechanisms and policy.

Furthermore, many staff had expressed dissatisfaction with the Council's management of violence, felt anxious about teaching certain classes and had mental health problems, but they were unaware of possible support and felt they had been inadequately trained in dealing with violent behaviour.

Ms Murphy outlined what the Unions would be doing next and what they would like the Council to do in terms of next steps:

- continued training for members and what actions could be taken where legitimate concerns are not being addressed
- a detailed response to the survey's recommendations.
- Once immediate issues had been resolved, a move to a strategic action plan to achieve long-term improvement for staff and pupils with significant input from unions.

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(b) Motion by Councillor Young

The following motion by Councillor Young was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

- "1) Committee acknowledges the recent 'Violence at Work' survey undertaken by the EIS and Unison which details the incidence of violence experienced by teachers, nursery nurses and pupil support assistants in Edinburgh schools.
- 2) Committee recognises the importance of a safe environment for pupils and teachers across all our schools.
- 3) Committee therefore instructs officers to consider the findings in the survey and report back to the next Committee on proposed changes and improvements which can be made."

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Young:

- Committee acknowledges the recent 'Violence at Work' survey undertaken by the EIS and Unison which details the incidence of violence experienced by teachers, nursery nurses and pupil support assistants in Edinburgh schools.
- 2) Committee recognises the importance of a safe environment for pupils and teachers across all our schools.

- 3) Committee notes the priority issues identified by the EIS are the need for consistency of guidance, training and reporting across the school estate and that all complaints receive a response detailing actions taken.
- 4) Committee therefore instructs officers to consider the findings in the survey and report back to the next Committee on proposed changes and improvements which can be made.

5. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Education, Children and Families Committee of 9 October 2018 as a correct record.

6. Rolling Actions Log

The Rolling Actions Log for December 2018 was presented.

Decision

- 1) To close the following actions:
 - Action 6 Arts and Creative Learning Update
 - Action 15 Year of Young People 2018 and Child Friendly Edinburgh –
 Young People's Contribution to Decision Making
- 2) To update the rolling actions log to reflect decisions taken at this meeting.
- To otherwise note the remaining outstanding actions.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log – 11 December 2018, submitted)

7. Business Bulletin

The Business Bulletin for 11 December 2018 was presented.

Decision

- 1) To note the Business Bulletin.
- 2) To thank the Head Teacher of Tynecastle Nursery, who was retiring, for her longstanding commitment and contribution to the nursery.
- To commend and congratulate the staff, pupils and parents, current and former, at Boroughmuir High School for being named as the Sunday Times Scottish State Secondary School of the Year 2018.
- 4) To circulate the success criteria for the wi-fi pilot at James Gillespie's High School to Committee members.
- 5) To note the intention to discuss Edinburgh Learns at a future meeting of the Consultative Committee with Parents.

(Reference – Business Bulletin, submitted)

8. Energy in Schools Annual Report

Information was provided detailing active projects to reduce energy and carbon emissions across the school estate. It also outlines current progress on ISO50001 accreditation.

Following on from the completion of the Council's Knowledge Transfer Project with Edinburgh Napier University, the key outcomes from the project were highlighted. This included an outline of long term carbon reduction targets and a vision for future reduction of carbon emissions across the Council's estate. A key element of this was the consideration of adopting Passivhaus or similar approach to design standards for all new buildings including schools.

Motion

- To note the content of the report and the work undertaken to date on defining energy and carbon efficient strategies, and the significant progress made on key energy efficiency projects.
- 2) To note the potential for carbon and cost savings achievable through Passivhaus buildings and agrees that the application of Passivhaus Standards or similar approach should be considered for all future new build schools.
- To note that an annual progress report would be submitted to Committee in 2019 on Energy in Schools.
- moved by Councillor Perry, seconded by Councillor Dickie

Amendment

To note the urgency of meeting statutory obligations outlined in paragraph 3.9 of the report and therefore request that the 2019 report set out a clear pathway, with quantifiable targets by activity and indicative costs, by which those statutory obligations could be met.

- moved by Councillor Corbett, seconded by Councillor Mary Campbell.

In accordance with Standing Order 21(11), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Perry:

- To note the content of the report and the work undertaken to date on defining energy and carbon efficient strategies, and the significant progress made on key energy efficiency projects.
- 2) To note the potential for carbon and cost savings achievable through Passivhaus buildings and agrees that the application of Passivhaus Standards or similar approach should be considered for all future new build schools.
- To note that an annual progress report would be submitted to Committee in 2019 on Energy in Schools.

4) To note the urgency of meeting statutory obligations outlined in paragraph 3.9 of the report and therefore request that the 2019 report set out a clear pathway, with quantifiable targets by activity and indicative costs, by which those statutory obligations could be met.

(References – Education, Children and Families Committee 12 December 2017 (item 7); report by the Executive Director for Resources, submitted)

9. Equally Safe – Multi Agency Centre (ESMAC) for Gender Based Violence and Child Protection

The Finance and Resources Committee had previously agreed to the sale of St Katharine's Centre to NHS in order to set up an Equally Safe Multi-Agency Centre for child and adult victims of sexual assault and other abuse.

The Education, Children and Families Committee were asked to endorse the proposed establishment of the Centre on the St Katharine's site to allow the project to progress. Capital costs of the project would be met through contributions from the Scottish Government, Police Scotland and the NHS.

Decision

- 1) To note the outcome of the Finance and Resources Committee on 4 December 2018 regarding the sale of St Katharine's Centre to NHS.
- 2) To endorse the proposal to set up an Equally Safe Multi Agency Centre on the St Katharine's site for child and adult victims of sexual assault and other abuse.

(References – Finance and Resources Committee on 4 December 2018 (item 25); report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted)

10. Community Access to Secondary School Sports Facilities – Impact of Introduction of Non-Core Hour Charges

The Council had approved the introduction of non-core hour charges for users of secondary school sports facilities. In June 2018, the Council approved a motion by Councillor Staniforth postponing the introduction of the non-core hour charge whilst a club impact assessment was carried out.

The provision of community access to secondary school sport facilities had placed significant financial pressures on the Communities and Families service. Since the business case for transfer of sports lets to Edinburgh Leisure was approved by the Council, additional costs associated with providing community access had resulted in the achievement of the net surplus target becoming more challenging.

Details were provided of the financial impact on clubs using the sports facilities outwith core hours.

Decision

1) To note the report and the assessment to measure the financial impact of the introduction of non-core hour charges for access to school facilities.

- 2) To recognise that the introduction of any additional fees would result in the possible closure of some clubs and therefore reject the additional £35/hour charge.
- To request that officers worked in partnership with clubs to create a strategy which supported the wider inclusion agenda which would enable access to Council facilities without additional charges being imposed and return with a report in two cycles outlining how this would be managed.
- 4) To further request that this strategy made effective use of resources and provided a breadth of wider opportunities to support young people reach their fullest potential.

(Reference – Act of Council No 1 of February 2018 and Act of Council No 2 of 28 June 2018; report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families submitted).

11. Revenue Monitoring 2018/19 – Month Five Position

Details were provided of the projected month five revenue monitoring position for the Communities and Families Directorate, based on analysis of actual expenditure and income to the end of August 2018 and expenditure and income projections for the remainder of the financial year.

The total projected full year unfunded budget pressure was currently £12.6m, partially offset by mitigations totalling £6.5m, and resulting in a net residual unfunded budget pressure of £6.1m.

Decision

- 1) To note the net residual budget pressure of £6.1m which remained at month five and the estimated £5m potential overspend.
- 2) To note that approved savings in 2018-19 totalled £2.84m, with £2.115m on track to be delivered in full and £0.725m assessed as red and non-deliverable this financial year.
- To note that the Executive Director for Communities and Families was taking measures to reduce budget pressures and progress would be reported to the Finance and Resources Committee on the 24 January 2019 and to the meeting of this Committee on 5 March 2019.

(Reference - report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted)

12. The Growing City, School Roll Projections and Future Accommodation Requirements

Details were provided of updated school roll projections where new school accommodation would be required across the city in future years together with a summary of projects which now needed to be progressed.

The financial implications of progressing these projects would be reported to the Finance and Resources Committee on 1 February 2019 so that budget requirements could be considered as part of the Council's budget setting process.

Motion

- 1) To note all the school accommodation projects which required to be progressed to address rising school rolls throughout the city.
- 2) To agree that a report outlining the full financial implications of these future accommodation requirements would be submitted to the Finance and Resources Committee on 1 February 2019.
- moved by Councillor Perry, seconded by Councillor Dickie.

Amendment 1

- To note that traditionally a significant proportion of Edinburgh pupils were educated within the independent sector and home schooled and that may have had an impact on the roll projections and ability of schools to meet projected population growth as well as short term impact in the event of an economic shock.
- 2) To ask officers to provide analysis in their report of current numbers of pupils educated within the private sector and at home across the city, locality and catchment as available within 1 cycle.
- moved by Councillor Laidlaw, seconded by Councillor Rust.

Amendment 2

To agree that a report outlining the staff and resource capacity needed to deliver on the options appraisal, engagement, and consultation required to deliver the future accommodation requirements would come to the next Education, Children and Families Committee.

- moved by Councillor Mary Campbell, seconded by Councillor Corbett.

In accordance with Standing Order 21(11), Amendment 1 and Amendment 2 were both accepted as addendums to the motion.

Decision

- 1) To note all the school accommodation projects which required to be progressed to address rising school rolls throughout the city.
- To agree that a report outlining the full financial implications of these future accommodation requirements would be submitted to the Finance and Resources Committee on 1 February 2019.
- To note that traditionally a significant proportion of Edinburgh pupils were educated within the independent sector and home schooled and that may have had an impact on the roll projections and ability of schools to meet projected population growth as well as short term impact in the event of an economic shock.
- 4) To ask officers to provide analysis in their report of current numbers of pupils educated within the private sector and at home across the city, locality and catchment as available within 1 cycle.

To agree that a report outlining the staff and resource capacity needed to deliver on the options appraisal, engagement, and consultation required to deliver the future accommodation requirements would come to the next Education, Children and Families Committee.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted).

13. Update on South East Improvement Collaborative

An outline was provided on the progress made following the establishment of the South East Improvement Collaborative.

The focus on collaboration was to improve attainment, reduce the poverty related attainment gap and to share practice. Collaboration at this level was also evident in the Integrated Regional Employability and Skills Programme (IRES) which supported the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Deal. The aim of both strategies was that all citizens, including those in disadvantaged communities, had better career prospects and real power in the labour market.

Decision

- 1) To note the progress which has been made.
- 2) To request a further annual update.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted)

14. Edinburgh Learns - Learning Together Framework for Parental Engagement and Involvement

Scottish Government policy to improve education and life chances for all was detailed through each of the four national improvement priorities and updated annually in the National Improvement Framework (NIF).

Approval was sought for the Edinburgh Learns Framework "Learning Together" which aimed to ensure excellence and equity in parental involvement and engagement within Council owned schools.

Decision

- 1) To approve the Edinburgh Learns Framework "Learning Together", contained in Appendix 1 of the report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families.
- 2) To ensure impact of the framework by requesting an annual update report from the Edinburgh Learns Strategic Group for 'Learning Together'.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted)

15. Primary and Special Schools Letting Update

The administration of primary and special achool lets had faced some challenges in the current year some of which had resulted in some reduction in the quality of service given to those requesting a booking.

The key challenges and the developments undertaken by the School Lets Team to improve the service were reported.

Motion

- 1) To note the challenges faced by the School Lets Team.
- 2) To note the actions taken to address these challenges and improve the service provided by the School Lets Team.
- 3) To note that Council officers from across several service areas were working together to support community access to primary and special schools.
- 4) The further information requested to be incorporated into the report back to Committee on community access to secondary schools sports facilities.
- moved by Councillor Perry, seconded by Councillor Dickie.

Amendment

To request a further report to the Education, Children & Families committee in two cycles on any future changes to the letting service to ensure continuous improvement and consistent service.

- moved by Councillor Mary Campbell, seconded by Councillor Corbett.

In accordance with Standing Order 21(11), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

- 1) To note the challenges faced by the School Lets Team.
- To note the actions taken to address these challenges and improve the service provided by The School Lets Team.
- 3) To note that Council officers from across several service areas were working together to support community access to primary and special schools.
- 4) To request a further report to the Education, Children & Families committee in two cycles on any future changes to the letting service to ensure continuous improvement and consistent service.
- 5) The further information requested to be incorporated into the report back to Committee on community access to secondary schools sports facilities. (minute item 10 above refers).

(References – Act of Council No 2 of 20 September 2018; report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

16. Education and Standards Quality Report

The standard of education across the City of Edinburgh schools was in line with the requirements of the National Improvement Framework. It focused on the following four themes concerned with raising attainment in literacy and numeracy:

- improving outcomes for children in poverty
- improving health and wellbeing
- improving employability skills
- sustained and positive school leaver destinations for all young people.

Decision

To approve the Education Standards and Quality Report set out in Appendix 1 of the report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted)

17. Strategic Management of School Places

An update was provided on the P1 and S1 admissions for August 2018 and included data relating to the number of out of catchment requests, the number of appeals lodged, the number of cases granted and individual cases won on appeal.

Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To request a further update report on admissions and appeals in December 2019.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted)

18. Early Years 1140 Expansion: Progress and Risk Update

At present the Council was responding well to the challenge of expanding early years provision by 2020 and had already implemented extended services in several locations. Due to the scale of the programme there were some high-level risks associated with delivery of the Council's Early Years 1140 expansion plan.

Information was provided on the significant level of work which was being progressed to avoid these risks materialising but also outlined mitigation measures which were being considered should any of the risks begin to emerge as the programme progressed.

Motion

To note the report.

moved by Councillor Perry, seconded by Councillor Dickie

Amendment

To note that from 500 applicants to the Early Learning and Childcare Academy Modern Apprenticeship only 90 places could be filled and to ask officers to report within one cycle on how the scheme could be expanded to allow for a greater number of applicants to enter training to meet the requirement of 650 additional staff by 2020.

moved by Councillor Laidlaw, seconded by Councillor Smith

In accordance with Standing Order 21(11), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To note that from 500 applicants to the Early Learning and Childcare Academy Modern Apprenticeship only 90 places could be filled and to ask officers to report within 1 cycle on how the scheme could be expanded to allow for a greater number of applicants to enter training to meet the requirement of 650 additional staff by 2020.

(References – Education, Children and Families Committee 14 August 2018 (item 7); report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

19. Transitions for Young People with a Disability from Children's Services to Adult Services

The Council was committed to undertaking a review of social work and education services for children and young people with disabilities.

An update was provided on the proposed changes to transition arrangements which set out proposals for full engagement with children and young people affected by disability to make sure services were shaped by them.

Six actions were highlighted that were intended to improve this process for all young people with a disability together with information on the proposed changes to how professional staff engaged with young people and their carers. A further report with information on the wider review of disability services would be brought to Committee in March 2019.

Decision

- 1) To agree the six key action points in relation to young people.
- 2) To note that a further report setting out information on the wider review of disability services would be brought to Committee in March 2019.

(Reference –report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

20. Play Schemes for Children with Disabilities Progress Report

An update was provided on the review of the play schemes and recommendations on the future delivery of the service together with details of proposals for full engagement with children and young people affected by disability to make sure services were shaped by them.

Decision

- 1) To note the report and the changes that had been made to the delivery of the disability play schemes.
- 2) To agree that the Council's social work disability service would retain responsibility for the running and management of the play schemes and would tender for a third sector organisation to recruit and train sessional staff to deliver the play scheme in partnership with the Council.
- 3) To agree that, prior to the tendering process, officers would engage with third sector providers to explore the possibility of developing a service specification that would allow the approved and trained sessional staff developing into a bank of staff that families with Self Directed Support budgets could approach.
- 4) To agree that the Council would also tender for a third sector organisation to provide a mainstream inclusion project to support children with additional needs to attend mainstream out of school and holiday activities.
- 5) To agree a review of the wider disability services to realign the staff and service to manage and run the play scheme service during school holidays.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted)

21. Year of Young People – Eurocities Conference Youth Programme

An update was provided on the Eurocities AGM and Conference hosted by the Council in November 2018 with specific reference to the Committee on the Youth Programme, developed as a world first for Eurocities and linked to the Year of Young People 2018.

Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To endorse the high levels of partnership across the Council and with external partners.
- 3) To note the involvement of young people in shaping the Eurocities Conference. 2018.
- 4) To endorse the efforts to ensure there was a legacy from the Eurocities Conference for young people in Edinburgh and European Cities.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

22. Inspection of Children's Services

On 1 October 2018, the Council received formal notification from the Care Inspectorate of a joint inspection of the provision of services to children and young people in need of care and protection in the Edinburgh community planning partnership.

Information was provided on the revised approach being taken by the Care Inspectorate to the inspection of children's services.

Decision

- 1) To note the progress which had been made.
- 2) To request a further update once the final inspection findings had been published.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

23. Implementing the Programme for the Capital: Coalition Commitments Six Monthly Progress Update

The Council Business Plan (A Programme for the Capital: The City of Edinburgh Council's Business Plan 2017-22) was approved by the Council in August 2017. The plan had been built around 52 commitments the Council Administration had pledged to deliver over the next five years.

Progress was reported against the nine coalition commitments for the areas where this Committee had responsibility.

Decision

- 1) To note the progress against nine coalition commitments.
- 2) To note that the coalition commitments formed part of the wider Council Performance Framework, which included corporate performance indicators covering corporate performance and council service delivery.

(References – Act of Council No 7 of 24 August 2017; report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

24. Chair

In the absence of the Convener, Councillor Dickie took the Chair for the following item of business.

25. Liberton High School - Update on Remedial Works

The Council had approved the Wave 4 Infrastructure Investment Programme on 25 October 2018 committing the council to developing a masterplan for a replacement Liberton High School with the first actions now being planned which included a stakeholder workshop involving elected members and the wider school community.

In response to an adjusted motion by Councillor Smith approved by the Council on 20 September 2018, an update was provided on the remedial works at Liberton High School.

Decision

- 1) To note the progress and ongoing repair and maintenance works at Liberton High School.
- 2) To note that the Wave 4 Infrastructure Investment Programme had committed the Council to develop a masterplan for a replacement Liberton High School with the first actions now being planned.

(References – Act of Council No 11 of 20 September 2018; report by the Executive Director of Resources, submitted).

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Perry declared a non-financial interest in the above item as his partner worked at Liberton High School, left the meeting room, and took no part in the deliberation on this item.

Alexander Ramage declared a non-financial interest in the above item as his son attended Liberton High School.