

## Education, Children and Families Committee Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families

2:30pm Monday 30 November 2015

**Present:**

Councillors Godzik (Convener) and Child; A Craig Duncan.

**Non-Members Attending:**

**Tynecastle Nursery School**

Stella Brown, Head Teacher

Alison McRoberts, Teacher

Emily Ballard-Bairn, Parent Council

Marie Keen, Quality Improvement Officer

**St Margaret's RC Primary School**

Katy Westacott, Head Teacher

Gillian Maxwell, Chair, Parent Council

Therese Laing, Quality Improvement Officer

**Clermiston Primary School**

Gordon McIntyre, Head Teacher

### 1. Minute

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**Decision**

The minute of meeting of the Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families of 7 September 2015 was approved as a correct record.

### 2. Protocols for the Conduct of Meetings of the Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families

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Protocols for the Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families were submitted.

**Decision**

To note the protocols.

(Reference – Protocols for the Conduct of the Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families, submitted)

### **3. Tynecastle Nursery School - Inspection**

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Details were provided of an inspection which had been carried out by Education Scotland at Tynecastle Nursery School. A letter dated 15 September 2015 had been sent to parents/carers on the outcomes of the inspection and the evaluations on how well the nursery was doing.

The Head Teacher and Chair of the School Parent Council were heard on the inspection process and the areas agreed with Education Scotland to continue to improve the school.

#### **Decision**

- 1) To note the findings of the report including the areas where the education authority and the pre-school establishment should continue to improve the nursery.
- 2) To record the Sub-Committee's congratulations to the Head Teacher, staff and parents at the nursery for their hard work and commitment in achieving an exceptionally positive inspection report.

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

### **4. St Margaret's RC Primary School - Inspection**

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Details were provided of an inspection which had been carried out by Education Scotland at St Margaret's RC Primary School. A letter dated 25 August 2015 had been sent to parents/carers on the outcomes of the inspection and the evaluations on how well the school was doing.

The Head Teacher and Chair of the Parent Council were heard on the inspection process and the areas agreed with Education Scotland to continue to improve the school.

#### **Decision**

- 1) To note the findings of the report including the areas where the education authority and the school should continue to improve the school.
- 2) To receive an authority inspection follow through report within one year of the publication of the inspection letter by Education Scotland.

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

### **5. Craigentiny Primary School – Inspection Follow Through**

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Education Scotland had published a report on the quality of education in Craigentiny Primary School in June 2013.

The education authority had visited the school to assess the extent to which the school was continuing to develop the quality of its education including the areas identified for improvement.

## **Decision**

- 1) To note the progress made to date from the original inspection in March 2013.
- 2) To note that the education authority would not publish further reports in connection with the 2013 inspection report but would continue to work with the head teacher to ensure the school's robust self-evaluation and monitoring approaches lead to continuous improvement.

(References – Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families 7 October 2013 (item 3); report by the Executive Director of Communities and Families, submitted)

## **6. Clermiston Primary School and Nursery Class – Inspection Follow Through**

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HM Inspectors had published a report on the quality of education in Clermiston Primary School in September 2014.

The education authority had visited the school to identify the extent to which the school was continuing to develop the quality of its education including the areas identified for improvement.

The Head Teacher was heard on the inspection process and on how the school had continued to improve.

## **Decision**

- 1) To note the progress made to date from the original inspection in May 2014.
- 2) To note that the education authority would not publish further reports in connection with the 2014 inspection report.

(References – Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families 1 December 2014 (item 3); report by the Executive Director of Communities and Families, submitted)

## **7. Liberton Primary School – Inspection Follow Through**

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HM Inspectors had published a report on the quality of education in Liberton Primary School in October 2013.

The education authority had visited the school to identify the extent to which the school was continuing to develop the quality of its education including the areas identified for improvement.

## **Decision**

- 1) To note the progress made to date from the original inspection in September 2013.
- 2) To note that the education authority would not publish further reports in connection with the 2013 inspection report but would continue to work with the Head Teacher to ensure priorities identified during the inspection and other quality improvement visits were taken forward.

(References – Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families 12 September 2013 (item 4); report by the Executive Director of Communities and Families, submitted)