

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

2:30pm Monday 1 December 2014

Present:

Councillors Godzik (Convener), Aitken, Fullerton, Main and Mowat (substituting for Councillor Paterson); and Mr A C Duncan (Religious Representative of the Education, Children and Families Committee)

Also Present:

Councillor Keil (local member for item 3 below)

Non-Members Attending:

Clermiston Primary School and Nursery Class

Gordon McIntyre, Head Teacher

Broomhouse Primary School and Nursery Class

Jamie Petrie, Head Teacher

Arran Finlay, Head Teacher (Blackhall Primary School)

Suzanne Herbert, Broomhouse Primary School Parent Council

1. Minute

Decision

The minute of meeting of the Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families of 8 September 2014 was approved as a correct record.

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

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. Clermiston Primary School and Nursery Class - Inspection

Details were provided of an inspection which had been carried out by Education Scotland at Clermiston Primary School and Nursery Class. A letter dated 2 September 2014 had been sent to parents/carers on the outcomes of the inspection and the evaluations on how well the school and nursery class were doing.

The Head Teacher was heard on the inspection process and the areas agreed with Education Scotland to continue to improve the school and the nursery class.

Councillor Keil, local member, was heard in support of the work being carried out at 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 agree to receive an inspection follow through report from Education Scotland.
(Reference – report by the Director of Children and Families, submitted)

4. Broomhouse Primary School and Nursery Class - Inspection

Details were provided of an inspection which had been carried out by Education Scotland on Broomhouse Primary School and Nursery Class. A letter dated 4 November 2014 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 of Broomhouse Primary, Head Teacher of Blackhall Primary and a parent representative of Broomhouse Primary 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 school should continue to improve the school.
- 2) To agree to receive an inspection follow through report from Education Scotland.
(Reference – report by the Director of Children and Families, submitted)

5. Royal Mile Primary School – Inspection Follow Through Report

HM Inspectors from Education Scotland had published a report on the quality of education in the Royal Mile Primary School in January 2010. This was followed up by a further report in 2011 and a letter in 2012. The education authority then produced a follow up report in April 2013.

The education authority had recently 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, and a progress report had been produced for parents.

Decision

- 1) To note the progress made to date from the original inspection.
- 2) To note that the education authority would not publish further reports in connection with the 2010 HMIE report and that ongoing support would be provided by the authority in the implementation of early years initiatives in the nursery and through the monitoring of progress of learners across the school.

(References – minute of the Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families 2 March 2010 (item 3); report by the Director of Children and Families, submitted)

6. Braidburn School – Further Inspection

Education Scotland had published a report on the quality of education in Braidburn School in 2012.

Education Scotland had recently 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, and a progress report had been produced for parents.

Decision

- 1) To note the progress made to date from the original inspection in October 2012.
- 2) To note that the education authority would not publish further reports in connection with the 2012 inspection report.

(Reference – minute of the Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families 28 February 2013 (item 3); report by the Director of Children and Families, submitted)