

Action Note

Consultative Committee with Parents

6pm, Wednesday 11 October 2023

Virtual Meeting held by Microsoft Teams

Present

Councillors Griffiths (Convener), Burgess, Hyslop, Jones

In Attendance

Parent/Carer Representatives

Alex Ramage
Alistair Turnbull
Eva Oliverira
Helen Clifford
Jennifer Graham
Rachel Brand
Samantha Marinello
Keith Robson
Stephen Tait
Patrick McGlinchey (Item 4.3 onwards)

Council Officers

Andrew Bradshaw – Principle Officer, Outdoor Learning
Arran Finlay – Senior Education Officer
Catherine Chrystal - Senior Education Officer
David McKee – Quality Improvement Education Officer – Digital Learning
Linda Lees – Wider Achievement Service Manager
Lorna French – Service Director Education
Lynn Paterson – Senior Education Manager
Stephen Kelly – Senior Education Manager

Apologies

Naomi Barton

	Subject	Decision/Action	Action Owner
1.	Welcome by Convener	Noted.	
2.	Declarations of Interest	None.	Committee Services
3	Note of the meeting of Consultative Committee with Parents - 7 June 2023	Approved.	Committee Services
4.	Executive Director's Update	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To note that a Standards and Quality report goes to each Education, Children and Families Committee detailing internal scrutiny and Education Scotland inspection of schools. Generally the most recent update was positive and pockets of work for improvement are ongoing. 2) To note that RAAC has effected 7 schools and remediation works are going. Local management arrangements are ensuring children and young people are safe and learning is ongoing. 3) Thematic reviews are ongoing. Behaviours of Concern and part two of the literacy review are ongoing. 	

5.	<p>Update from Connect Representative</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To note the current survey from Connect which is available at this link https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/35CCV3X 2) To note new connect services: Kickstart Support for Parent Councils not operating and Mediation Support if there is a need for this in a Parent Council. 3) To note the new Connect website 4) To note ongoing engagement with the Cabinet Secretary for Edinburgh regarding Relationships and Behaviour in schools. 	
6.	<p>Updates from Locality Groups</p>	<p>1) Overseas Excursions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slides were presented by officers outlining the process for gaining approval for overseas excursions. Equity of access to this opportunity is a key theme. This process has been subject to feedback from schools. • More details about the process are to be published on the council's website and officers will ensure any updates/further guidance continue to be shared with schools. 	<p>Andrew Bradshaw</p>

		<p>2) Communication with Parents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note that the short life working group which previously met to consider communication will be restarted and that this will be a standing item on the agenda for this committee. Officers will liaise with parent councils to get representation on the working group • Officers will ensure that all relevant policies are available online. <p>3) Vaping Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note concerns of committee around vaping, it's impact on young people's health. • To note that young people vaping in toilets can have an impact on accessibility of toilets. • A short life working groups with parent and young people's representation will be set up to consider this issue further • Advice will be sought from officers in Trading Standards about vape sales and fed back to committee. <p>4) Learning for Sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note a presentation on this subject was given at locality meetings and feedback from parents was positive. 	<p>Arran Finlay</p> <p>Arran Finlay</p> <p>Arran Finlay</p> <p>Lorna French</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note that this will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Parents are asked to bring back any further points regarding Learning for Sustainability to the next meeting. 	Parent Representatives Committee Services
6.	Empowered Learning – changing pedagogy, use of IT.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To note that information about keeping children and young people safe online while using council devices will be shared with committee. To note that the approach to use of IT is to embed technology in the core of delivery of teaching and learning. To note training and support for use of IT available to education staff. Parent Council access to IT services through the Council to be explored with colleagues in Corporate Services. 	Lorna French/ David McKee Lorna French/ David McKee
7.	Update from National Parent Forum Representative	None.	

9.	Dates of Next Meetings	Wednesday 6 December 2023 – 6pm – by Teams Wednesday 13 March 2024 – 6pm – by Teams Wednesday 15 May 2024 – 6pm – by Teams	
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