

Education, Children and Families Committee

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New Primary School Name Confirmation – Frogston Primary School

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 The Education, Children and Families Committee is asked to:
 - 1.1.1 Approve the name for the new primary school in South East Edinburgh will be Frogston Primary School.

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Report

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 In line with the growth of the city outlined in the Local Development Plan several new primary schools are required across the city. The first primary school to be constructed is in the South East of the City.
- 2.2 The new school was due to open in August 2020, but this was delayed due to COVID-19. As a contingency the school was opened in the nearby Valley Park Community Centre. The estimated date for the new school and pupils to transfer to the new school building is now Easter 2021.
- 2.3 The intention was always to get the new school community involved in agreeing the name for the new school. This process has now taken place and the suggested name for the new school which Committee is asked to approve is Frogston Primary School.

3. Background

- 3.1 As part of the growth of the city and to accommodate pupils from new housing sites approved in the Local Development Plan a new primary school was required in South East Edinburgh. This new primary school is being constructed within the new housing development to the south of Frogston Road East.
- 3.2 The new primary school was due to be completed and opened in August 2020. However, due to construction sites closing during the COVID-19 pandemic and lower productivity on site since construction re-started it is now estimated the new school building will be ready for occupation from Easter 2021.
- 3.3 In order to accommodate the primary one pupils due to start at the new school in August 2020 a contingency arrangement has been put in place using the Valley Park Community Centre. This arrangement has worked well and the new Head Teacher and other school staff have settled well into their new community.
- 3.4 As the project was being constructed the school had a working title of “Broomhills Primary School”. However, it was always the intention that once the school was up

and running, the Head Teacher would engage with the school community to consider a permanent name for the new school.

- 3.5 This engagement process has now been completed and the results of the engagement process are provided in the remainder of the report.

4. Main report

- 4.1 When the new school opened in Valley Park Community Centre, the Head Teacher organised an initial gathering of ideas from current parents, pupils and staff in September. Suggestions written on large white board in outside area. Parents, pupils and staff then put a tick against favourite (see appendix 1).
- 4.2 Based on this initial engagement exercise a survey with the following three choices was developed:
- Frogston Primary
 - Broomhills Primary
 - Allermuir Primary
- 4.3 Although Pentland View was actually the third most popular it was not included in the survey as it is too similar to Pentland Primary. Castlelaw was also quite popular but again similar to Castlevie. The chairperson of Parent Council was consulted before making Allermuir the third choice in the survey.
- 4.4 The survey was sent to parents, staff, the Convenor and Vice Convenor of Education Children and Families, local elected members and local community councillors. It was tweeted on our school feed as well as local elected member twitter feeds.
- 4.5 There were 81 online responses and 28 responses from pupils and the results were as follows:
- Frogston Primary 53
 - Broomhills Primary 43
 - Allermuir Primary 13
- 4.6 Based on this process the proposed name for the new primary school is Frogston Primary School. Parents and children have been informed that Frogston was the most popular choice and that this is being presented to the Education, Children and Families Committee for final approval.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 If the new school name is approved by Committee it will allow the school to progress with making all the necessary administration, ICT and registration requirements in advance of the school moving to its new building in Easter 2021. It will also allow the school to begin promoting its new identity beginning with the enrolments process for August 2021 which begins after the 2020 October holidays.

6. Financial impact

6.1 There are no additional or new financial implications.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

7.1 The stakeholder and community engagement undertaken is outlined in the main report.

8. Background Reading

N/A

9. Appendices

9.1 Appendix 1 Photograph of the initial engagement exercise

