

Action Note

Consultative Committee with Parents

6pm, Wednesday 15 May 2024

Virtual Meeting held by Microsoft Teams

Present

Councillors Griffiths (Convener), Burgess, Hyslop, Davidson, Cowdy.

In Attendance

Parent/Carer Representatives

Alex Ramage
Louise Collingwood
Emma Parker
Gail – Braidburn Special School
Gillian Coulter
Shanda Doherty

Council Officers

Lorna French – Service Director Education
Donna Murray – Senior Education Manager
Crawford McGhie – Head of Strategic Asset Planning
Daniel Baigrie – Committee Officer

	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 – 13 March 2024	Approved.	Committee Services
4	Outstanding Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To agree to close action 6. 2) To otherwise note the remaining outstanding actions. 	Committee Services
4.	Executive Director's Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To note that self-evaluation across schools was ongoing and Scottish Government Guidance to support Education Improvement Plans was pending. Key themes included positive destinations, reducing the poverty related attainment gap and children and young people's rights. 2) To note that it was the intention for secondary schools to have aligned timetables from August 2025 and this would create opportunities to dial into lessons in different schools. 	Lorna French

		<p>3) To note that various conversations were ongoing about use of mobile phones in schools and that guidance would be forthcoming. This will be reported back as necessary.</p> <p>4) To note that range of opportunities for young people at school leaving age, including Modern Apprenticeships and Foundation Apprenticeships. To bring this back as a future agenda item to enable parents to understand options available to young people.</p>	
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		<p>Parental Engagement and Involvement</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To note there would be a review of Parental Engagement and Involvement. Officers noted positive examples of practice, including family learning and areas for development. 2) Officers proposed they develop a delivery plan and noted they would engage with parents as part of this process. 3) To note that there were challenges and barriers to parents participating however a collaborative approach would be taken to ensure that parental voice would be heard. 	Donna Murray
6.	Update from Connect Representative	None.	
7	Update from National Parent Forum Representative	None.	

8.	Appointment of Parent Representatives to the Education, Children and Families Committee	Decision <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To appoint Alexander Ramage as the Secondary Sector Parent Representative on the Education, Children and Families Committee 2) To appoint Louise Collingwood as the Primary Sector Parent Representative on the Education, Children and Families Committee 	Committee Services
9.	Any Other Business	None.	
9.	Dates of Next Meetings	To be arranged.	

