



## Draft Minutes of Meeting 20th March 2013

<b>Present:</b>	Richard Porter (Chair)	Balornock PS/Springburn Academy
	Joanna Murphy	St Brides PS/Holyrood SS
	Christy Hamilton	Garnetbank PS
	Maryann Bowers	Royston PS
	Margaret Mcdougall	Royston PS
	Margo Brennen	St Fillans
	James Kelly	St Monica's PS
	Paul Toland	St Mirins PS/Holyrood SS
	Nuala Quinn	St Joachims
	Susan Daly	St Joachims
	Emma Macintosh	Highpark PS
	Tracey Christie	Carntyne PS
	Margaret Anderson	Carntyne PS
	Joan Andrews	Carntyne PS
	Sarah Lavery	Carntyne PS
	Michele Brown	St Thomas PS
	Pauline Harvey	St Thomas PS
	Lizette Craig	Carmunnock PS
	Nancy Loftus	Rosshall Academy
	Edi Reavey	Cardonald PS
	J Quinn	Garnetbank PS
 <b>Attending:</b>	 Kathryn Farrow	 Education Services, GCC
	Fiona Crawford	Glasgow Centre for Population Health
	Councillor Curran	GCC
	Bailie Gibson	GCC
	Bailie Baker	GCC
	Carol Jack	Minutes

### 1. Welcome and Introductions.

Richard Porter welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

### 2. Impact of eating in or out of school at lunchtime – Presentation noted.

Fiona Crawford, Public Health Programme Manager, Glasgow Centre for Population Health (GCPH), submitted a presentation to the Forum advising on the key findings and recommendations from research which had explored the impacts of eating in or out of school at lunchtime on secondary school pupils' health and wellbeing, advising

- (1) that although school meal uptake in Glasgow's primary schools had increased, uptake of secondary school pupils had been declining and as in many urban areas, secondary school pupils could be observed purchasing lunchtime food and drinks from external outlets near schools;
- (2) that in 2009/10 the Council had tested out a pilot 'stay-on-site' initiative, the 'Big Eat In', which had been conducted in 8 Glasgow secondary schools encouraging S1 pupils to stay within school premises at lunchtime to eat a healthy lunch and engage in lunchtime activities;

- (3) that the pilot had proven so successful that it had now been adopted by more than half of the city's 30 secondary schools;
- (4) that a linked research study had been facilitated by the Glasgow Centre for Population Health in order to compare the quality of popular foods purchased by pupils from outlets in study areas near 5 Glasgow secondary schools with Scottish nutrient standards for school lunches, introduced following the passage of the Schools (Health Promotion and Nutrition) (Scotland) Act 2007;
- (5) of the findings of the research;
- (6) that there was a stark contrast between the nutritional quality of food provided by Cordia (Services) LLP on school premises and that commonly sold by external commercial outlets near schools; and
- (7) that if healthy eating amongst primary and secondary school pupils during the school day was to become more widespread, a range of factors and influences required to be considered and addressed and that progress in this area would yield enormous dividends in relation to the future nutritional health and well-being of the city's children and young people.

After consideration the Forum

- (a) thanked Ms Crawford for her presentation;
- (b) were of the opinion that primary school children should stay on site during lunch times;
- (c) highlighted the concern that were all secondary school children to stay on site there would be the issue of Cordia being unable to supply a meal to every child;
- (d) stated they would be interested in seeing how much wastage there was; and
- (e) stated that the Council had carried out a Health & Wellbeing Survey and would be interested in seeing the Action Plan produced from that.

### **3. Minutes of previous meeting approved.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th January 2013 were submitted and approved subject to clarification of Douglas Wilson's sign in details. The Chair requested that everyone complete the sign in sheet clearly in order to be added to the minute.

The Forum agreed that draft minutes would be circulated when finalised.

Kathryn Farrow highlighted that Parent Councils could email her in order to be added to the Parent Council emailing list. Kathryn's standard method for communication is to email all Headteachers with a request to pass it on to Parent Council members and use the BCC facility to send the same message to Parent Council members for whom she has an email address.

### **4. School estates issues update – Report by Councillor Curran, Executive Member for Education Services**

Councillor Curran, Executive Member for Education Services, provided details of the Estates Strategy to take place over the next 5 years, advising that

- (1) £40 million had been allocated this year and £40 million next year towards the estates strategy;
- (2) in the first year immediate impact work (from April 2013) would be undertaken affecting 36 primary schools, 18 nurseries and 5 ASLs and detailed surveys would be carried out in every school;
- (3) there would be full consultation and dialogue with schools and parents with regard to the changes; and

- (4) after the 5 year plan regular condition surveys would take place in order to maintain the standards reached.

After consideration the Forum

- (a) highlighted their concerns that parents must have an input into changes taking place in their schools and this should go through the Parent Councils;
- (b) noted there would be information provided after the detailed surveys were complete for their respective schools; and
- (c) discussed the ongoing IT issues.

## **5. NPF Update**

Joanna Murphy provided an update.

- (1) "Let's Talk" posters and a newsletter had been designed and would be sent to Chairs of Parent Councils.
- (2) "Nationals in a Nutshell" is a series of parent friendly summaries detailing the new National 4 and 5 qualifications and coursework. Joanna recommended parents have a look at this which can be accessed on Education Scotland's website.
- (3) Every parent in Glasgow would receive a letter regarding CfE and what your child should expect. Education Services were moving this forward and any queries should be sent to Richard or Joanna.
- (3) Isobel Taggart, Education Services, requested feedback on organising a conference for Parent Councils to discuss local issues.

After discussion the Forum felt that a specialised meeting would be more helpful whereby specific representatives from agencies such as Cordia/Access/City Building could be present in order to answer specific local questions. The Forum agreed this would be fed out to schools to register interest.

## **6. Any Other Business.**

- (1) A consultation on catchment areas was being carried out in the North East with a closing date of 29th March should anyone wish to contribute.
- (2) Education Services requested that Parent Councils contribute to a citywide consultation underway concerning P1 and S1 placing requests being submitted in September/October.

## **7. Date of Next Meeting.**

Date of next meeting is 15th May 2013 at 7pm.