

The background of the slide is the coat of arms of the City of Vancouver. It features a shield divided into four quadrants. The top-left quadrant shows a city skyline with a prominent tower. The top-right quadrant depicts a stag's head with large antlers. The bottom-left quadrant shows a three-masted sailing ship on the water. The bottom-right quadrant features a grizzly bear standing on its hind legs. Above the shield is a crown with four maple leaves. A banner at the bottom contains the motto in Gaelic.

AGENDA ITEM

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MINUTE

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Minute of meeting of the EDUCATION EXECUTIVE held in the Municipal Buildings, Falkirk on Tuesday 7 June 2016 at 9.30 am.

COUNCILLORS:

David Alexander
Jim Blackwood
Thomas Coleman
Dennis Goldie
Adrian Mahoney
Craig Martin (Convener)
Alan Nimmo
Robert Spears

**REPRESENTATIVES
OF RELIGIOUS
BODIES:
CO-OPTES:**

Margaret Coutts
Michael Rollo

Mike Ablett (Parent Representative)
Jonathan Barclay (Pupil Representative)
Helena Barton (Pupil Representative)
Fiona Craig (Teacher Representative)
Martin Craigen (Parent Representative)
Margaret Smith (Teacher Representative)

OFFICERS:

Gary Greenhorn, Head of Planning & Resources
David Mackay, Acting Head of Education
Colin Moodie, Depute Chief Governance Officer
Brian Pirie, Democratic Services Manager
Catherine Quinn, Curriculum Support Manager

ALSO ATTENDING:

Lisa Doran, St Mungo's High School
Louise Noon, St Frances Xavier Primary School

EE1. Apologies

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillors Gow, Dr C R Martin and Nicol and Margaret Smith.

EE2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

EE3. Portfolio Holder's Remarks

Councillor Nimmo advised that a pupil, Abbie McCallum, of Bo'ness Academy had won the Sky Living for Scotland Award. He also informed members that the Head of Education Anne Pearson had left to take up a new post. Councillor Nimmo confirmed that he had received intimation that Hector Cairns, the representative of the Roman Catholic church, intended to resign from the Education Executive. Councillor Nimmo, Councillor Martin and members of the Education Executive acknowledged Mr Cairns' contribution to the Education Executive and its predecessor.

EE4. Minute

Decision

The minute of the meeting of the Education Executive held on 29 March 2016 was approved.

EE5. "Making Thinking Visible"

Lisa Doran and Louise Noon gave a presentation on the "Making Thinking Visible" project, summarising its key principles and highlighting examples when it had benefitted learning in the classroom.

In response to questions Ms Doran confirmed that the project was a pilot but it was hoped that it would be rolled out in clusters across the authority.

EE6. National Improvement Framework: Teacher Judgement Collection 2016

The Education Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services on the requirement to provide pupil level data as part of the National Improvement Framework.

One of the key elements of the National Improvement Framework was the assessment of children's progress. All schools were required to report pupils' Curriculum for Excellence level achievements to the Scottish Government. The information related to Mathematics, Reading, Writing, Listening and Talking for P1, P4, P7 and S3 and for children in special schools at all stages. The Scottish Government would not publish the information for 2016 but the data would be used to inform the 2016 National Improvement Framework, which would be published by the end of 2016.

The report set out the data collection process. The data would be quality assured to inform planning and further moderation activities across clusters and the authority.

Decision

The Education Executive agreed to:-

- (1) note the report, and**
- (2) consider further reports on Curriculum for Excellence attainment data.**

EE7. New ASN Secondary School – Project Update

The Education Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services providing an update on the ASN secondary school project.

The Education Executive had agreed, on 29 March 2016 (ref EE45) to take the ASN Secondary School project to financial close. This had been achieved on 6 May 2016 and the main construction phase began on 9 May 2016. The project costs at financial close were £17,729m, £5k below the budgeted provision of £17.734m.

A consultation on the name of the school had been undertaken between November 2015 and January 2016 and had resulted in a shortlist of 5 preferred names:-

- Carrongrange Academy;
- Grangeburn High School;
- Abbotsgrange School;
- Grange Academy; and
- Helix Academy

A further consultation, on the shortlisted suggestions was proposed, with the results to be reported to Education Executive on 8 November 2016.

Decision

The Education Executive agreed:-

- (1) to note that financial close was achieved for the ASN secondary school project; and**
- (2) to the consultation on the preferred name for the new school as outlined in the report.**