

# Note of Meeting

## Friends of Loanhead Parent Council

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017

7:00pm – 8:00pm

### 1. Capital Investment Programme

Simon Bell (EAC) presented a fourth option for the refurbishment/extension of the school which addressed the key concerns raised by staff and parents regarding relocating the lower classes to the first floor.

This option allows P1 and P2 to remain on the ground floor.

This would also involve demolishing the current extension and moving the dining facility into a new extension. A further extension area would house the ECC leading up to the area where the garden area is currently.

A new entrance for the school would be created with consideration given to adjusting access to the playground from the street.

Peace childcare would be accommodated within the gym area.

A link corridor would enable full integration of the ECC with the school.

The current dining facility would be surplus to requirements and ideas for this would be explored eg market for sale, use for storage or other school facilities.

Toilet facilities would be on each floor.

General improvements would take place for the main building as planned.

This option was well received by staff and those at the meeting.

A cost estimate will be progressed and we will continue to work with the school and EAC to ensure this project is progressed as quickly as possible. The estimated completion date is August 2019.

At the last meeting Andrew Kennedy committed to assisting with investment in the playground and this was raised again to ensure this was included in any plans.

It was suggested that there may be different funding sources within EAC through the current project to establish a cultural quarter around the academy, Loanhead Primary, the Dick Institute and the Palace Theatre. Simon Bell will explore potential partnership working between services/directorates of the Council and opportunities for access to different funding streams.

The plan to carry out significant roof work on the extension will be reviewed in light of the forthcoming major works which could in all likelihood involve subsequently demolishing this part of the building.

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### 2. Playground Committee Plans/Aspirations

Mrs Milne represented the Playground Committee and presented some well researched ideas for the open space. These include but is certainly not limited to, an end of pitch facility incorporating a basketball hoop and goal, a wooden bridge, a tunnel covered with artificial grass, a castle design activity area and relocating the trim trail. Images of these suggestions were passed to the PC. The current estimated cost for these structures is circa £60,000.

The PC agreed to assist the children in sourcing additional funding.

Simon Bell offered to assist with technical detail and advice for building on the tarmac area. Copies of the suggestions will be passed to Simon Bell for consideration.

### 3. AOB

Sports day is on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The children will go to the AAA in the morning for the event and return to school for lunch. Potted sports will take place at the school in the afternoon and the school has requested assistance from parent volunteers. If you can assist, please let me know as soon as possible via email or the Facebook page.

Please note that if the sports day does not go ahead on this date due to the weather, it will not be rearranged.

There was a discussion regarding school trips and the difficulty in identifying the children when they are not in uniform. Mr Forsyth will look at different options available to ensure children are easily identifiable in large group situations.

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