

Notes from school review workshops

Clovenstone Primary School: Workshop held on Thursday 18 January 2018

The following notes have been categorised by subject discussed. The notes taken are not verbatim. We have not included comments which may identify an individual who is not a Council Officer.

Discussion Group

Item	Discussion / Comments
Published Proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent Councils will have four years to prepare and to work on bringing the communities together.• Comments on social media by Currie community have raised concerns with parent; will my child be “picked on” coming from the WHEC catchment?• Agreed that this is parents’ initial reaction and everyone “jumps on the bandwagon”.• Familiarity and transition from Clovenstone Primary School to WHEC – Head Teachers at primary schools and WHEC know the pupils by name, how will this be retained?• There are a couple of pupils outwith the Clovenstone catchment, would they have to go to Forrester High School? Can they make an out of catchment application? – (Yes)• My friend has heard from someone that was at the Currie Primary School consultation “that Currie are not standing for this so it will not be happening”.

<p>Summary of Published Proposals:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent community facilities. • Teachers would know all the pupils meeting their individual needs. • WHEC’s attainment level has improved. • All Recognised that WHEC is a much-improved school. • All agreed and acknowledged that WHEC required to be refurbished or re-built as it is in poor condition. • Geographically WHEC is positioned well for Wester Hailes catchment. • WHEC catchment is geographically a small area but has a lot more households. • Parents were surprised to hear that only 49% of pupils go to WHEC. Why are parents not sending their children to WHEC as this is their catchment? • Concern that the community facilities need to be retained within this area. WHEC is widely used by the community for leisure facilities and night classes. • Andy Gray, Head of Schools and Lifelong Learning confirmed that community facilities would be retained on the existing WHEC site.
<p>WHEC would amalgamate with Currie Community High School in August 2022 upon the completion of a new South West Edinburgh high school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some concern raised if WHEC amalgamated into a larger school, some pupils would become lost and their needs not met.

Potential sites at Curriemuirend, north of Baberton and Murrayburn identified.

Site option 1

- Is this site big enough?
- All agreed that this was the best site option.
- Discussed Muir Wood site and agreed that this would be a preferable option to rebuilding on Currie Community High School site
- All agreed that the option of building a new school on existing Currie Community High School site was not an acceptable proposal.
- Agreed that there needs to be “a middle ground” as there would be potential divide between Currie and WHEC pupils.
- Pupils from Wester Hailes would continue to be seen differently.
- Currie parents don't want their children to mix with WHEC.
- It's within walking distance, takes approximately 20 minutes or the number 44 bus service.
- If pupils did not want to stay at school for lunch, there are plenty shops / facilities in the Juniper Green area.

Site option 2

- This site is situated North of Baberton, Currie pupils would need to walk down Donkey Lane, on the north side of the railway.
- This would be manageable.

Site option 3

- This site is situated at Murrayburn and is on the edge of the catchment.
- This was the least preferred option.

Other comments	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leisure facilities are important for the WHEC community. • If facilities remain on WHEC site the swimming pool and changing rooms need to be upgraded. • WHEC is not push-chair friendly. • Money needs to be spent, who would run it? • Edinburgh Leisure: Andy Gray, Head of Schools and Lifelong Learning explained Edinburgh Leisure and their relationship to the council. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If WHEC get the facilities and the use of it, priority needs to be maintained for them. • Comments about the WHEC Feedback Form raised and that time-out after 15 minutes, is frustrating for the few that have wanted to comment. • The Quality Improvement Education Officer suggested that the P7s attend a coffee morning with parents and the pupils can help parents to complete the feedback / comments. • Discussion about survey monkey and how best to engage with Clovenstone Primary School community.