

North Lanarkshire Council

Report

Education and Families Committee

approval noting

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Naming of the new amalgamated primary school in Airdrie

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Executive Summary

The council is delivering a new amalgamated primary school to replace Dunrobin Primary and Petersburn Primary School in Airdrie. This new amalgamated primary school, complete with a nursery class and LCSC unit, is on schedule to open at the end of May 2019.

A short list of four names was agreed and parents/carers and staff had the opportunity to participate in a ballot organised by the Interim Parent Council in December 2018.

The result of the ballot was in favour of naming the school Hilltop Primary School.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Education and Families Committee:

- (1) Note the outcome of the parents vote
 - (2) approve the name of the new primary school in line with the result of the vote
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Supporting Documents

Council business plan to 2020 Improve relationships with communities and the third sector

- Support communities to do things for themselves with greater control over their own future.

Appendix 1 Arrangements for ballot of naming / renaming schools

1. Background

1.1 The acting head teachers of Dunrobin and Petersburn Primary Schools and members of the Interim Parent Council, consulted parents, pupils and staff on selecting various names for the new school.

1.2 Four names were put forward by the Interim Parent Council for consideration:

Calderburn Primary: Relates to North Calder Water which runs behind the school and joins communities

Craigburn Primary: Relates to two of the largest areas within the school's catchment i.e. 'Craig' from Craigneuk and 'burn' from Petersburn.

Glen Primary: The school is situated on Glen Road and is also in close proximity to the local 'Glen' (where North Calder Water runs through).

Hilltop Primary: In reference to the high location of the school and the fact that the word Airdrie is derived from Gaelic and means 'high plain' or 'pasture'.

1.3 Representatives from Education and Families met with the Interim Parent Council and it was concluded at this meeting that the best way to move forward would be for the Interim Parent Council to proceed with a parental ballot.

2. Report

2.1 All parents/guardians/carers and staff were given a vote. Voting took place in December 2018. The ballot was carried out in line with approved procedures. Appendix 1 contains these guidelines for information.

2.2 The results of the ballot being as below:

• Calderburn Primary School	108 votes	22%
• Craigburn Primary School	137 votes	28%
• Glen Primary School	54 votes	11%
• Hilltop Primary School	188 votes	39%

2.3 The total votes received were 487 with 39% of those voting in favour of naming the new school Hilltop Primary school.

3. Equality and Diversity

3.1 Fairer Scotland

There is no perceived impact on this theme as a result of this report.

3.2 Equality Impact Assessment

There is no perceived impact on this theme as a result of this report.

4. Implications

4.1 Financial Impact

There is no financial impact as a result of this report.

4.2 HR/Policy/Legislative Impact

There is no perceived impact on this theme as a result of this report.

4.3 Environmental Impact

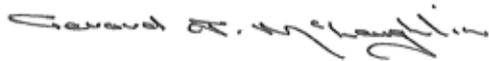
There is no perceived impact on this theme as a result of this report.

4.4 Risk Impact

There is no perceived impact on this theme as a result of this report.

5. Measures of success

- 5.1 The newly built amalgamated primary school in the catchment areas of Petersburn and Dunrobin will open in May 2019 under the new name of Hilltop Primary School.



Head of Education & Families (Central)

1 Arrangements for ballot of naming/renaming

The procedures will be as follows:

- 1.1 The parent council will submit up to four possible names for approval. The parent council will be asked to outline the rationale for the proposals, for example a geographical, historical or social association with the school or area. The existing school name will require to be one of the possible names.
- 1.2 In selecting the possible names, the parent council may invite suggestions from the school community, including parents, staff, local members, other interested bodies (for example the parent/teacher association) and in the case of Roman Catholic schools, the church representative on the Learning and Leisure Services committee.
- 1.3 The parent council, in consultation with the head teacher, will normally approve these and arrange for a ballot. If the head of resources, convener or local members have any reservations about any of the names put forward, discussions will be arranged with the parent council to agree a final list of names. The final decision on the ballot list to be put forward will be taken by the head of resources.
- 1.4 The ballot should involve parents, and permanent staff employed in the school.
- 1.5 The parent council, in consultation with the head teacher, the head of resources and local elected members, will consider the result and normally accept the name winning the highest vote. Thereafter, the head of resources will prepare a brief report for the Learning and Leisure Services committee, recommending the approval of the chosen name.
- 1.6 Where there is a tie there should be a further ballot involving the names attracting equal support.
- 1.7 The outcome of the ballot should then be reported to the Learning and Leisure Services committee to allow a final decision on the naming of the school to be taken.
- 1.8 Where a parent council has not been formed, the above procedures will be managed by the head of resources in consultation with the head teacher(s).