

Minute

Subject: Site Recovery Group Meeting

Venue: Library, St Ambrose Campus, Coatbridge

Date: Tuesday 22nd October 2019 at 5.00pm

Attendees: Terry Currie DL (Chair)
 Michael McGinley, Head teacher, Buchanan High School
 Ellen Douglas, Head teacher, St Ambrose High School
 Kate Robb, Parent council, St Ambrose HS
 Mark McQuade, Parent council, St Ambrose HS
 Katrina McGhie, Parent council, Buchanan HS
 Frances Mullen, Buchanan HS
 Paul Breslin, Parent, St Ambrose HS
 Andrea Ford, Parent, St Ambrose HS
 Angela Boyd, SSTA
 Louise Brown, NASUWT
 Sharon Harvey, UNISON
 Josh Petrie, Pupil, Buchanan HS
 Demi Kelly, Pupil, Buchanan HS
 Niamh Carroll, Pupil, St Ambrose HS
 Hannah Cunningham, Pupil, St Ambrose HS
 Father Michael Kane, Chaplain, St Ambrose HS

Also present: Gerard McLaughlin, North Lanarkshire Council
 Stephen Penman, North Lanarkshire Council
 Matt Costello, North Lanarkshire Council
 Chris Sullivan, North Lanarkshire Council
 Andrew McPherson, North Lanarkshire Council

Apologies: Dr Christine Davidson (Independent scientific advisor)

Scribe: Margaret Sharp, North Lanarkshire Council

Item	Subject	Action
1.	<p>Minute of last meeting and apologies</p> <p>Colleagues were welcomed to the group and apologies were noted.</p> <p>The Independent Chair apologised for the late distribution of the minute and advised that this will not be an issue going forward.</p> <p>It was noted that Andrew McPherson's name was omitted from the list of attendees. Minute will be corrected to reflect this change.</p> <p>Clarification was provided regarding the need for Officers of the council to be present throughout the whole of the meeting. Mrs Douglas asked for it to be noted that, as a member of the council, she feels compromised by this. A short discussion ensued. Matt's role in the group as Liaison Officer was clarified and it was stated that his presence throughout the entirety of the meeting is essential.</p> <p>Stephen Penman stated that it was the council's point of view that the group should be able to operate independently and that council officers would be happy to leave the meeting after presenting their evidence to the group.</p> <p>The Chair noted that the request for the SRG Group to set aside part of the meeting with members only present was not unreasonable. He stated that any discussions would remain focussed on the key priorities.</p> <p>The Chair suggested that the publication of minutes and reports on the website should mitigate against inaccurate accounts of meeting business, to circulate.</p>	

	<p>It was reported that feedback from the SRG meeting to parents has proven very positive so far.</p> <p>Changes were noted and minute agreed.</p>	
<p>2.</p>	<p>Council Update</p> <p><u>Water Testing</u></p> <p>Water quality tests are being carried out over the last 6-8 weeks and there have been no signs of any issues in the drinking water supply. In line with the recommendations of the Independent Review, further sampling did identify anomalies in the non-drinking water however this is measured on drinking water standards. Works have now been undertaken to address these issues and water quality consultants have been employed by the Council to review all of the interim works taken and provide suggestions as to how the water management across the campus can be improved in the long term. Full details of the recommendations from the consultants, together with a copy of all the results undertaken, will be provided to the SRG and posted on the dedicated website. A summary of the timeline associated with this works programme was explained.</p> <p>Clarification was provided regarding water supply to staff bases. Signage is now in place as per Independent report recommendations. There should now be no dubiety about drinking/non-drinking water. Communication strategy and signage for children with learning disabilities to be looked into as a matter of urgency.</p> <p>A question was raised regarding checks on drainage. It was advised that a drainage survey was carried out during the October week with repairs made to the current system as necessary. This monitoring will be ongoing as part of the settlement plan, in discussion with Balfour Beattie. Although this has had an effect on the toilet facilities at the campus it was stressed that this has not caused any major impact.</p> <p>It was further clarified that the Council continues to liaise with NHS Lanarkshire in terms of the current water management regime.</p> <p><u>In-air Testing</u></p> <p>It was agreed at the last meeting of the SRG to expand testing to include testing for volatile organic compounds. This will involve 22 separate 30 minute air samples from across the campus and a further 4 diffuser tubes left in situ for a period of 4 weeks. Testing and placement of the tubes will take place over the next two weeks and results together with a plan of where the tests were undertaken will be available at the next SRG meeting.</p> <p><u>Settlement Plan</u></p> <p>Measurement point checks of soft/hard landscape (external ground to the building) have been undertaken. This will be an ongoing exercise which will take place over a 12 month period to determine any level changes.</p> <p><u>PCB Hotspot</u></p> <p>Slabs have now been removed and been replaced by turf. Further samples have been taken and any findings will be reported to the group. All contamination issues have now been addressed. It was explained that the reason for the slabbing was to eliminate immediate risk so that the area was not left exposed while the test results were being generated. In addition the sample location which demonstrated a slightly raised lead level has now also been fully remediated and the specific location of this will be provided to the Group by A McPherson.</p> <p><u>Gas Membrane</u></p> <p>Not much progress made. Technical team are still liaising with specialist consultants is scheduled. Will feedback to group once further information/recommendations have been received.</p>	

<p>3.</p>	<p>Communications</p> <p>Stephen gave a brief update on the development of the Website. Templates have been created. Format will be a blog style with posts written and submitted by pupils. It will be in chronological order with 'featured' items highlighted. Content to be produced by pupils and approved by administrator. Website will not allow readers to leave comments but will instead actively promote the SRG email inbox for feedback.</p> <p>The council will update it's website with SRG details to promote the community to engage.</p> <p>Father Kane asked if people would be able to subscribe. Stephen advised that it would be possible to embed RSS code into the website to enable this.</p> <p>It was clarified that all items for the agenda should be sent to the SRGChair@northlan.gov.uk mailbox for consideration.</p> <p>Trade union members sought clarification on how the group was formed and how the chairperson was selected. The Chair reiterated that he is an independent chair, chosen by the council. A brief discussion took place. It was stressed that it is important that the group remain independent from the council.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Proposed meeting dates from January 2020</p> <p>All meetings will take place in the library at St Ambrose High School, Coatbridge at 5.00pm</p> <p>28th January 2020 25th February 2020 31st March 2020</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Gerard informed the group of the positive outcome he had from the Q&A session with all staff from Buchanan and St Ambrose, which he hopes to repeat in the future.</p> <p>After a short discussion it was agreed that the Water Testing report would be available in both formats on the Website (summarised/simplified version and full report). Both versions to be supplied by the independent body.</p> <p>Mrs Douglas asked that the site be referred to as a campus rather than a school.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>SRG Group further discussion</p> <p>Council officer members of the group left for this part of the discussion.</p> <p><u>Buchanan HS TU representation</u></p> <p>Problems were highlighted and discussed regarding representation from the school. A brief discussion took place. Chair to consider this situation, attempt to find a resolution and feedback to the group.</p> <p><u>Minute of the Meeting</u></p> <p>The importance of distributing the minute of the meeting timeously was discussed. Margaret advised that this will be expedited more speedily in future. Minute of this meeting to be with the Chair by Friday for checks.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Meeting will take place in the library at St Ambrose High School, Coatbridge on Tuesday 19th November 2019 (earlier starting time of 4.30pm).</p>	