

Minute

Subject: Site Recovery Group Meeting

Venue: Library, St Ambrose Campus, Coatbridge

Date: Tuesday 17 November 2020

Attendees: Terry Currie DL (Chair)
 Dr Christine Davidson (Independent scientific advisor)
 Michael McGinley, Head teacher, Buchanan High School
 James McParland – Head teacher, St Ambrose High School
 Kathleen Robb, Parent council, St Ambrose HS
 Mark McQuade, Parent council, St Ambrose HS
 Frances Mullen, Buchanan HS
 Andrea Ford, Parent, St Ambrose HS
 Sharon Harvey, UNISON
 Paul Breslin, Parent, St Ambrose HS
 Louise Elliot, Pupil, St Ambrose HS
 Gabriel Kinta, Pupil, St Ambrose HS
 Fr Michael Kane, school chaplain
 Katrina McGhie, Parent council, Buchanan HS
 Angela Boyd, SSTA

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

Apologies: Louise Brown, NASUWT

Scribe: Martine Ryan, North Lanarkshire Council

Item	Subject	Action
1.	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p>Colleagues were welcomed to the group and apologies noted.</p>	
2.	<p>Minute of last meeting</p> <p>Group agreed minute of last meeting.</p>	
3.	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>Drainage Chair asked for update, Chris Sullivan advised that work was undertaken during October week.</p> <p>Drinking water CS advised that machines need serviced this week.</p> <p>AB – Mrs Douglas advised staff fountains would be replenished – this hasn't been done. Michael McGinlay advised that it was his understanding that these were discontinued. CS advised that the programme ceased during the 3 month closure. It was agreed that these would continue for now.</p>	

<p>4.</p>	<p>Council updates</p> <p>Membrane CS to report back at a future date. The report is highly technical and will require detailed explanation.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>SRG Report for Policy and Resources Committee</p> <p>The Chair asked that Council Officers leave the meeting. The Chair spoke to the Report , highlighting the key points and asked for the views of the Group.</p> <p>MMcQ – Read report and happy with it.</p> <p>PB – Comments are fair but no reference has been made about Teachers with Cancer. The Chair replied that this issue was outwith the remit of the SRG. He also reminded the Group that NHS Lanarkshire and Health Protection Scotland had already commented on this issue.</p> <p>FM – She stated that 7 teachers had been tested around a year ago, with one showing high levels of arsenic. However the tests were based on urine samples which are less reliable than tests using blood samples. It is proposed to have them re-tested using blood samples. She was unaware of the exact timescale of these further tests but agreed to chase this up and update the Group on progress.</p> <p>JMcP – With regard to the Drainage issue, it was suggested that there remains a lot of work to be done on this.He recommended that the comments within the Report should be further strengthened to reflect the seriousness of the situation.</p> <p>MMcG – He fully agreed with the above views and also asked for the these points to emphasised in the Report. The Chair agreed to take the comments of the Head Teachers on board.</p> <p>Fr Kane – He felt that it would be prudent for the Group to defer its final meeting until it had heard of the outcome of the further testing of teachers which is due to be carried out.</p> <p>KMcG – thoroughly read report and happy with contents.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Future of Site Recovery Group</p> <p>Chair suggested that as this was a temporary group with specific objectives that the next meeting be the last.</p> <p>M McG, while agreeing that the SRG was a short life working group, asked that the final meeting be deferred until the group has received further information on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage Issue • Gas Membrane Report • Teacher Testing results. <p>The Chair has also asked North Lanarkshire Council to come back to the Group with a plan which will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform the SRG how the Campus Community will be briefed on ongoing site issues in the absence of the Site Recovery Group. • To put in place arrangements to brief the appropriate North Lanarkshire Council Committee on how ongoing issues will be monitored, addressed and reported on. 	

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	Group agreed to keep group going until final reports. Chair advised will not set a meeting for January, possibly February.	
7.	Date of next meeting Will contact in February to schedule next meeting.	