

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET – 27 JANUARY 2016

‘PROCEDURE FOR THE NAMING OF NEW SCHOOLS etc., WITHIN EAST AYRSHIRE’

MERGER OF BELLFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL AND KIRKSTYLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Report by Depute Chief Executive Economy and Skills & Chief Financial Officer

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. This report outlines the proposals received for a new name for the new build establishment to replace the current Bellfield Primary School and Kirkstyle Primary School. From the proposals submitted and subsequent reason given for each, Cabinet will make a decision on the new name for the school.

BACKGROUND

2. On 4 June 2014, the Cabinet considered responses and comments received during the public consultation exercise on the creation of a new primary school arising from the proposed merger of Bellfield Primary School and Kirkstyle Primary School and having reviewed the proposal agreed that the young people attending these establishments transfer to a new build school establishment, to be sited on ground adjacent to the Bellfield Community Centre site on Whattriggs Road, Kilmarnock.

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3. On 26 August 2015, the Cabinet approved a new procedure for determining the name(s) of new school(s) and early childhood centres and supported learning centres within East Ayrshire where new names are required.
4. Cabinet recognised the fundamental role that schools play in each community and the need to involve communities in putting forward names for new facilities. Consultation has taken place with the school community; the business community; the third/voluntary sector and the local community.
5. Groups were contacted directly and offered the opportunity to submit their proposals for a new name together with a reason for each proposal. One of the groups consulted asked for their gratitude to be conveyed to East Ayrshire Council for this excellent opportunity to be involved in the naming process.
6. The period of time given to submit proposals ran from 30 September 2015 until 27 November 2015.
7. The groups invited to submit proposals and their respective points of contact are noted below:

The school communities of Bellfield Primary School, Kirkstyle Primary School and the main associated Early Childhood Centres

- Pupils and staff of Bellfield Primary School. Head Teacher, Elizabeth Hardie
- Pupils and staff of Kirkstyle Primary School. Head Teacher, Diane McKinnon
- Parents of pupils at Bellfield Primary School. Chair of Parent Council, Pat Morrison
- Parents of pupils at Kirkstyle Primary School. Chair of Parent Council, Sharon Govans
- Children, parents and staff of Bellfield Community Nursery, Head Teacher, Elaine Kirk
- Children, staff and parents of Riccarton Early Childhood Centre, Head Teacher, Teresa Porter
- Children, staff and parents of Shortlees Early Childhood Centre, Head Teacher, Wendy Connelly

The business community

- The Federation of Small Businesses East Ayrshire. Representative, Hisashi Kuvoyama

The third sector/voluntary sector community

- The Council for Voluntary Organisations, East Ayrshire. General Manager, Fiona Fawdry
- The Ayrshire Federation of Historical Societies. Chair, Neil Dickson

The local community in general

- Bellfield Community Council. Secretary, Maggie McLaughlan

Those responsible for collating responses were not asked to include the number who submitted a specific name as each name should be considered on its own merit.

CONCLUSION

8. Names proposed are listed alphabetically.

Appendix 1 provides detail of the collated responses from each group.

Bell Kirk	Kirk School
Belfast	Kirkbell
Bellfield Community	Kirkbell Primary
Bellfield Estate	Kirkbelle
Bellfield Estate Primary	Kirkfield
Bellfield Primary	Kirkfield Primary
Bellfield Style	Kirkland
Bellkirk	Kirktheory
Bellkirk Primary	Landswood Junior
Bellpark	Little Bells
Bellskirk Primary	Littlewood Primary
Bellstyle	Robert Burns Primary
Bellstyle Primary	Sunnyside Primary
Bellwood	The 3 Sisters
Blackbrick	The Meadows
Bluebell Campus	The Three Sisters
Buchanan	Treesbank
Buchanan Primary	Treeswood
Buchanan Primary School	Treeswood Primary
Castle Primary	Violet Primary
Community Primary	Wallace
Estate Primary	Whatriggs
Fairlie Primary	Whatriggs Primary
Golden Woods	Woodlands
Kentwood Primary	Woodlyn
Kilmarnock Primary	

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

9. There are no policy changes within this paper.

FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

10. There are no financial implications resulting from this paper

RECOMMENDATIONS

11. It is recommended that Members of the Cabinet:
- (i) Consider all proposals submitted together with the reasons given for each proposal.
 - (ii) Determine the name for the new build establishment to replace the current Bellfield Primary School and Kirkstyle Primary School.
 - (iii) Otherwise note the contents of the report.

Alan Ward
Head of Education
14 January 2016

Appendix 1

List of consultees for the merger of Bellfield and Kirkstyle primary schools

Consultee	Proposal	Reason
Bellfield pupils	Buchanan Primary	As it will be on the land of the Bellfield Estate previously owned by the Buchanan Sisters
Bellfield pupils	Whattriggs Primary	As it is on/built Whattriggs Road
Bellfield pupils	The 3 Sisters	Past owners of the Bellfield Estate
Bellfield pupils	Treeswood Primary	Trees in the estate
Bellfield pupils	Bellfield Community	School as part of Bellfield Community
Bellfield pupils	Littlewood Primary	Next to the 'littlewoods' ie. Bellfield
Bellfield pupils	Violet Primary	I like it
Bellfield pupils	Kirk School	A new Kirkstyle
Bellfield pupils	Kentwood Primary	The new school will have lots of wood and it is near a wood
Bellfield pupils	Kilmarnock Primary	There isn't already a Kilmarnock PS & it is where we live
Bellfield pupils	Castle Primary	Behind where the new school will be there are castle ruins
Bellfield pupils	Estate Primary	As it will be in the estate
Bellfield pupils	Community Primary	They are bringing two communities together
Bellfield pupils	Sunnyside Primary	To make the school sound sunny
Bellfield staff	Buchanan Primary	To be built on the Buchanan Estate
Bellfield parents	Buchanan Primary	The estates history with the Buchanan Family/Land donated by the Buchanan Trust/Buchanan Sisters
Bellfield parents	Bellkirk Primary	Mixture of the two names of previous schools
Bellfield parents	Kirkbell Primary	Mixture of the two names of previous schools
Bellfield parents	Bellfield Primary	Makes sense as it's where the school will be situated
Bellfield parents	The Meadows	The grounds & surrounding area

Bellfield parents	Fairlie Primary	The estates history with the Names Fairlie
Bellfield parents	Kirkfield	Mixture of the two names of previous schools
Bellfield parents	The Three Sisters	Background of estate
Bellfield parents	Bellstyle Primary	Mixture of the two names of previous schools
Bellfield parents	Bellpark	Bit of history
Kirkstyle pupils	Kirkfield	Merger of two school names
Kirkstyle pupils	Buchanan	Bellfield was gifted to the people by the Buchanan family.
Kirkstyle pupils	Bellstyle	It's a bit of each name.
Kirkstyle pupils	Kirkbell	Old word for church is Kirk & it's next to the playing fields. A good mixture of the current names.
Kirkstyle pupils	Bellfield Estate	Because it's in Bellfield
Kirkstyle pupils	Woodlands	As its up at the woods
Kirkstyle pupils	Golden Woods	No Reason given
Kirkstyle pupils	Landswood Junior	Because the land is near the woods.
Kirkstyle pupils	Treeswood	No Reason given
Kirkstyle pupils	Kirkland	No Reason given
Kirkstyle pupils	Belfast	No Reason given
Kirkstyle pupils	Treesbank	Trees all around the school
Kirkstyle pupils	Blackbrick	No Reason given
Kirkstyle pupils	Bellkirk	Merging of the two names.
Kirkstyle pupils	Little Bells	A lot of schools are dropping 'school' from their name as it's too negative. 'Bells' is still keeping the place where it will be situated and 'Little' as it's a primary.
Kirkstyle pupils	Robert Burns Primary	Because he was a man in Scot's history
Kirkstyle pupils	Woodlyn	No Reason given
Kirkstyle pupils	Treesbank	No Reason given
Kirkstyle pupils	Kirktheory	Because I want it to be a good knowledge school.

Kirkstyle pupils	Wallace	It's unusual.
Kirkstyle staff	Buchanan	Buchanan Sisters of Bellfield Estate were originally from this land.
Kirkstyle staff	Kirkbelle	Links with Buchanan Centre in Riccarton were the current E.C.C. is.
Kirkstyle staff	Bell Kirk	No Reason given
Kirkstyle parents	Kirkfield	Incorporates both school names
Kirkstyle parents	Buchanan	Buchanan sisters gave the estate to the Council. The last land owners.
Kirkstyle parents	Bellwood	The school will be in the wooded area of Bellfield
Kirkstyle parents	Treeswood	After a street in Bellfield
Kirkstyle parents	Kirkbell	Merging of the two names
Kirkstyle parents	Bellkirk	Merging two school names
Kirkstyle parents	Whatriggs	As it's the name of the street
Kirkstyle parents	Bellfield Style	Area where the school will be and part of the present school name.
Kirkstyle parents	Bluebell Campus	Years ago the area was covered in bluebells, when you walked through the estate.
Riccarton ECC	Bellskirk Primary	To incorporate current two schools names
Riccarton ECC	Bellfield Estate Primary	Where new school will be situated
Riccarton ECC	Kirkfield Primary	Incorporate current two schools names
Riccarton ECC	Buchanan Primary	No Reason given
Shortlees ECC	No response	
Bellfield Community Nursery	No response	
Bellfield Community Council	Buchanan Primary	Historical link between the Buchanan family and Bellfield area
Ayrshire Federation of Small Businesses	No response	
Council for Voluntary Organisations East Ayrshire	No response	

<p>Ayrshire Federation of Historical Societies</p>	<p>Buchanan Primary School</p>	<p>As a Society we are strongly in favour of retaining historical names for institutions and places in local communities. We believe that this fosters a sense of community identity and encourages people to value the places in which they live. A sense of historic continuity has therefore a social and community benefit.</p> <p>The proposed name retains the link between the Buchanan family and the Bellfield area. It was this family which owned Bellfield House in the nineteenth century.</p> <p>The Buchanan sisters, who inherited the estate, were generous benefactors to Kilmarnock and to the city of Glasgow. Among their benefactions they contributed to education in Kilmarnock. They also donated to the care of the poor and indigent, and Bellfield House was donated for that purpose. The estate grounds were later used for building social housing in the south of the town and for a recreational park – an association retained in one of the school names.</p> <p>The Dick Institute, in Kilmarnock, is in possession of the important part of the library of the Buchanan Bequest which contains over a 100 titles dating from 1759 to 1856.</p> <p>In total £86,200 was bequeathed, which did not include all the yearly small donations, which equates to £4,092,776 in contemporary terms.</p> <p>We believe that this preserves a historic association, commemorates generous benefactors to the town, and also provides an inspiration to future pupils to follow the example of the family in caring for others.</p>
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