

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCILEDUCATION COMMITTEE21 June 2017Report by Director of EducationNAME CHANGE FOR SPRINGHILL AND AUCHENBACK PRIMARY SCHOOL BARRHEAD**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To seek elected members' agreement on a name change for Springhill and Auchenback Primary School, Barrhead.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. Elected members are asked to:
- a) agree to the name of Hillview Primary School.

BACKGROUND

3. In August 2012 Springhill Primary School and Auchenback Primary School merged to form one school. The name given to the newly merged school was Springhill and Auchenback Primary.
4. Elected members will recall that this name was a compromise solution following a lack of agreement at the time within the school community.
5. The Director of Education informed members at Education Committee in March 2017 of a consultation on the possibility of changing the name of the school.

REPORT

6. A consultation was conducted within the school community to consider:
- i. whether there was an appetite for a name change;
 - ii. to suggest alternatives.
7. Information was gathered in the following ways:
- through assemblies, class based activities and voting systems for pupils;
 - through consultation meetings, discussions, an online and/or paper vote for parents and carers;
 - through discussion, an online and/or paper vote for staff.
8. The responses gathered from the exercise showed that 80% of pupils, 65% of parents and 100% of staff preferred alternative names to the existing name of Springhill and Auchenback Primary School.

9. The following names were suggested by pupils for members to consider:

- i. Barrhead Primary School
- ii. Hillview Primary School
- iii. Springhill Primary School

10. Each class compiled a list of advantages and disadvantages for each of the 3 suggested names before casting an individual pupil vote.

11. The Pupil Council supported the Head Teacher in reviewing the advantages and disadvantages, registering the votes and agreeing on the proposed name.

12. It is proposed that the school takes a phased approach to changing the school uniform to reflect the new school name, allowing children and parents to be involved in the design of such. This would allow parents to meet the costs of new school clothes in a staged and more affordable manner. It is proposed that the school consults with parents and pupils to agree the timeline for such.

FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY

13. Any other financial related matters relating to this paper will be met from the department's and school's devolved budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS

14. Elected members are asked to:

- a) Agree to the name of Hillview Primary School.

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