

Liberton High School Parent Council - 3rd March 2025

Chair: Lynsey Kilgour

Clerk: Megan Crawford

Attendees: Lynsey Kilgour, Lindsay Davies, Megan Crawford, Sarah Buchan, Derek McNeil, Alison Humphreys, Jocelyn Hammer, Jeni Rowe, Lesley Nicol, Carrie Thomson, Alex Ramage, Rhoda Barclay, Gila Holliman, Sarah Kidd, Mia W, Julie Wilson, Kiera Harburn, Unal Anil, Jenny Thomasi

Apologies: Hannah Hasson, Joanna Miller, Craig Walker, Ann Charles Patience Nyabasa, Nyarai Mzenda, Mairead Butler, Vivian Aigbedion, Robert Abel, Fiona Baillie

Approval of Minutes

Alison Humphreys

Balfour Beatty (Stuart Danskin)

-Project Overview

Phase 1 – Oct 23 to Jan 26 Construction of the new Passivhaus Classic certified Liberton High School in the grounds of the existing school campus, with associated external sports provision and landscaping. Phase 1 includes a new NHS GP facility within the ground floor of the new school building

Phase 2 – Feb 26 to Jan 27

Demolition of the existing Liberton High School including asbestos removal where required and provision of new external sports provision and landscaping

Client: City of Edinburgh Council, Project Value circa £68m,

Currently Week 70 out of 116 (Phase 1)

-Progress Review – Photos of the current site compared to the future

-Upcoming Work

- Removal of Tower Crane 01
- Installation of rooftop plant prior to installation of plant screens
- Cladding
- External Facing Brick
- Windows and Curtain Walling
- Installation of Rooflights
- Internal Partitions to all areas
- Internal Glazed Screens
- Internal MEP services to all areas
- IPS

-Social Value

What do Balfour Beatty bring to the community?

- Circa £24m to SME's (to date)
- Circa £10m local spend value (to date)
- 15 weeks of work placements for local schools, colleges / Uni's
- 20 weeks of work placements for those currently unemployed
- 8 Nr new start Apprentices
- £20k sponsorship for greenspace and community projects

• 4 Nr employability sessions with LHS, Action for Children & Equate • £2.5k donation to community causes • 2 Nr full time job opportunities to ex-offenders • 3 Nr donations to local foodbanks • Circa 150 hours of volunteering in local communities (to date) • 8 Nr CPD sessions with CEC staff • Fundraising & donations to Edinburgh School Uniform Bank -Who are we working with? • Edinburgh South FC • Liberton High School • Liberton Primary School • RUTS • Capital City Partnership • NHS Lothian • Steps To Hope • Equate • All Cleaned Up • Upmo • Action for Children • Edible Estates • Liberton Community Council • JET Programme • Libertus • Edinburgh College • Tigers • Boroughmuir Blaze • Local Foodbank • Edinburgh School Uniform Bank	
Q & A (Vincent Spicer) -What is a superlab? A double lab, not quite two classes in a larger lab. -What is the transition like from the old building to the new? There are options, but ultimately we do not want to disrupt exams. -When will the old building be demolished? Need to isolate the building and make sure there is no asbestos in the building. -There will be no access from Malbet Park for a year. -The balconies- are they open? Will people be able to throw things over? There was a pupil flow analysis to make sure the building meets a set criteria. -The library- what is the barrier between where the community can go and where the pupils can go? Pupils and staff can come through the back doors, no one from the community can though. Everyone can come through the front entrance. -Who will be maintaining the grounds and windows in the long term? There is a one year plan, but nothing set for after this. -What bike shelter is available? Roughly 100 spaces available. -Where will the resources for the new community library coming from?	

Looking forward to our primary students and current students to visit the site. There will be an enhanced visit for our students with additional needs. - What is the access to the grounds to the community? None of the images on the plans we have seen have fences.	
Head Teacher Report (Alison Humphreys) • Pupil Input (Sarah & Mia) Extra Curriculum update, My world of work Ambassadors and Music Opportunities. The benefits of taking part in extra curriculum activities. • LHS Parent council information- Where? When? What? How do we increase the interest? Secondary Pupil Council quite different to a Primary one. It is much more consultative.	
Finance Update (Jeni Rowe) • 21st Feb meeting with Finance committee. Issue with procurement of school uniforms, Could we produce badges that could be bought and sewn on to other jumpers? Schools are not	

to have contract with companies. Iron on badges will not work. We want to be able to buy a hoodie with a badge for our S1 cohort when they join the school. We want people to be able to buy the hoodie. Council have stopped a contract with our supplier (Border Embroidery). • Under budget for faculties • Parent Pay only 60% of parents have open an account. • Why are people not taking free school meals who are entitled to it? Some want to take a packed lunch, some are winter leavers. • In the process of opening a bank account- well done Jeni!	
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Next Meeting: 7th of May 2025	