

Education/Recreation report for 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

16<sup>th</sup> December, I attended a meeting in The Rosebery Hall, initiated by Mary Giblett. This was to meet with two senior managers from Facilities Management (FM). This service has now been split, one section to look after the buildings and contents the other to look after staffing.

After a meeting and initial discussion, they were given a tour of the Rosebery Hall and a folder containing photographs of the 'top centre' buildings.

They were left in no doubt about the problems which the management committee had been dealing with over many months and the disappointment in the lack of support from FM.

Together with Keith I attended a meeting with Jeremy Balfour MP to discuss the 'Corus' situation. He offered to write to Fiona Hyslop to seek her support.

On 20<sup>th</sup> January, together with Graeme, I attended the High School Parents Council meeting. The new build is progressing on time. Two new Depute Head Teachers have been appointed after the departure of Ali Mitchell and the secondment of Jenny Smith. With the school roll increasing to over 900 it is necessary to add a new house to the system and they are seeking a name for it.

Curriculum and attainment levels were discussed, particularly in the early years.

There was considerable discussion over the recent incidents of anti social behaviour by a small group of young teenagers, it was stressed that we all need to work together to 'nip this problem in the bud'.

The next meeting on 18th March will be looking at the school roll situation and Crawford McGhee is to be invited.

On 21<sup>st</sup> January I attended the CAP (Community alcohol partnership) meeting in the Gyle Centre. This was an extremely positive meeting.. There is a great deal of good work being done, some of it behind the scenes, to engage with young people and to provide improved facilities. Successes include the Blue Light disco in Rosebery Hall – 111 attended. Alcohol awareness events have been successful and well attended. The very recent asb incidents in South Queensferry were discussed and the importance of reporting all incidents to the police was stressed. If the police are not told – they cannot be expected to act. The responses from 101 were mentioned and there was a plea for these calls to be treated more urgently. The Police Scotland Youth Volunteers, aged 14-16 have been a great help to the regular force.