

Schools Consultation Workshop 21/11/13

Main Points from the Workshop

- The workshops (in Elgin Academy) were led by reps from Caledonian Economics who have been employed by Moray Council to take the schools review forward.
- It was attended by several parent reps from schools, with smaller/rural schools well represented, along with some community reps, twenty of us in all.
- The process is due to be completed by early March.
- The recent online survey attracted c1000 responses.
- We were asked to judge the priorities for schools under the headings of education (what goes on the classroom), extra-curricular activities and community use and weight them accordingly.
- Many of us felt that these, particularly the first two, overlapped, especially given the ethos of Curriculum for Excellence.
- I was able to put the position of the Elgin South schools and was assured they 'were on the case' as far as capacity/zoning is concerned.
- I was not alone in finding the afternoon rather frustrating and unsatisfactory and felt the presenters had preconceived ideas which were not really shared by the meeting.
- There are no actual proposals at this stage. There will be further consultation once that is done.

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