

Initial meeting of proposed CPG on Families Supporting Children's Learning

Online meeting

Tuesday 7 June 2022, 6pm

In attendance:

- Eileen Prior and Sara McFarlane (Connect)
- Oliver Mundell MSP
- Michael Marra MSP
- Liam Reid (Office of Michael Marra MSP)
- Fulton MacGregor MSP

1. Purpose of meeting

The purpose of this meeting was to agree the name and purpose of the group, elect office bearers and confirm membership ahead of submitting the registration form to the CPG standards clerks.

The Standards Clerks were informed of this initial meeting on 18 May 2022.

2. CPG Name

Name agreed: Cross-Party Group on Families Supporting Children's Learning

3. Aims

Aims agreed: To support families and parents/carers in their central role as primary educators by:

- Providing a forum for parents/carers, families, parents' organisations, MSPs, and other interested parties to discuss and debate matters which affect the links between families and the education system
- Raising awareness of the positive impact of partnerships between home and school across Scotland

4. Office Bearers and Members

Meeting agreed Fulton MacGregor MSP, Michael Marra MSP, and Oliver Mundell MSP as co-convenors.

Initial membership will include Ross Greer MSP and Stephen Kerr MSP, with Connect as non-MSP members, and Meghan Gallacher MSP has told Connect she would be interested in joining on her return from leave.

5. Group Operation

Connect will donate admin time to provide secretariate: one day of the Policy and Support Officer's and half a day Executive Director's time per meeting, with three meetings to be held each year.

Group agreed there would be no subscription charge.

6. Registration

Michael will submit the registration form to the standards clerks following the meeting.

Subject to approval, the group will look to hold it's next meeting after the summer recess.