



Review of Non denominational education provision in Maybole

Staff Survey Exercise

April 2012

(21 staff members participated in the survey)

As part of the ongoing review of non denominational education provision in Maybole, a survey of secondary staff was undertaken to gather the views of staff. The main points taken from the survey are listed below and the information will be used to shape the future strategy for the school estate in the town.

Question 1: What do you think about the existing school estate in Maybole?

- The state of Carrick's "new building" is pretty shoddy
- The windows are dreadful and the car park is such a mess with potholes that I am surprised more staff, parents or pupils haven't been injured. Additional cars would put even more stress on this.
- Cairn Primary has almost all facilities required for modern learning and teaching
- An ICT maintenance contract would help all schools
- The roof requires replacing,
- We need a new dining hall, and perhaps an extension for community use,
- Garden grounds could be landscaped,
- A new build would be more costly, would last less time, and would give no real benefit for the town.
- I do not think this is worth the huge investment needed to build a new school.
- I think that the existing school buildings have served their purpose
- Cairn Primary School is old but has stood the test of time,
- Carrick Academy again, will not stand the test of time
- I can see the reason for one primary and Carrick will eventually need re-built but it is not the worst school.
- There are two schools in the same street in Maybole which I think is ridiculous.
- I think the existing school estate should be made a priority as the buildings are in poor condition and are not really fit for purpose.
- At Carrick Academy, there are cracks along the walls and when it rains water penetrates the ceiling and buckets are used to collect water.
- Some areas of the school estate are not fit for purpose.
- The rooms in the Old Carrick Academy building are small when accommodating larger class sizes and organising group tasks during lessons can be difficult.
- The rooms are not designed for 30 S5/6 pupils involved in active learning.
- There is no space to work and it is often cramped.
- Does not allow for modern learning and teaching as space is a constraint.
- There is little space as there is no assembly hall.
- Present situation serves the town well as it allows the primary children access to a school likely to be nearer to their home
- Maybole, which is blighted with a busy narrow main street.
- One school would mean that one side of children would be at risk.
- Existing school estate need to be modernised for education in 21st Century
- It seems unfair if some have a bright new modern building and fixtures and others not
- Good plan to have Carrick campus - 2 primaries and 1 secondary, hopefully raise aspirations for many
- Much easier to share resources and people if all together
- I believe the school in Maybole are in a poor state of repair and need to be upgraded
- Three primary schools could be located on one campus if plans are carefully considered.
- The buildings are tired and dated.
- The existing school estate in Maybole needs modernised.
- Heating is uncontrollable and the buildings are sometimes too hot or too cold.
- As the buildings are separate there is an issue about safety as it is poorly designed. It is not always clear to visitors where to go as the office is not in the most obvious place.

- Car parking at some schools is poor
- Three small primary schools might be better split into two.
- One upgraded new purpose built primary school.
- Roofs caving in and very unsafe,
- There is a sense of good community which would be lost if the schools were joined.
- 2 primary and 1 secondary - over supply
- The secondary school is in great need of upgrading.
- The current environment does not provide a positive atmosphere for teaching and learning.
- Probably too many primary schools to support the number of pupils in the town.

Question 2: What should the school estate in Maybole look like in the future?

- One Primary School centrally located and secondary at a separate location if the very small schools are able to have a village school then Maybole pupils should be able to attend their local PS. as well.
- If it was to be a campus then it should include the pupils from the small primary schools in villages surrounding Maybole as well
- One primary school and one secondary school
- A 3-18 campus would best suit the needs of the children of Maybole in the future.
- Single venue for all
- It would make sense financially to have a single campus for the Maybole Primary and Secondary schools.
- Makes economic and learning and teaching sense.
- One secondary / primary campus.
- The campuses joining together would lose all community spirit
- All campuses to be upgraded as has been the case in all of the Ayr schools.
- Carrick Academy to be further improved
- Two primary school purpose built to serve the community.
- Better car parking and better use of school grounds
- I think it would be better to have one school campus for 3-18 year
- Maybole should have one primary and one secondary on separate campus.
- It would be more beneficial if there were one primary campus and one secondary campus.
- I do not think there should be a single campus for 3-18 years.
- One primary and one secondary would be the better option; one big complex is too much.
- Retaining with two primary schools but with modern facilities.
- If the schools merged onto the one campus, then additional parking would be needed to accommodate staff and visitors.
- The only concern is the amount of traffic on the Kirkoswald Road,
- A need for bigger classrooms with high quality ICT equipment
- I would not be opposed to having a single campus with a secondary and a primary school.
- Would allow for better communication between primary and secondary colleagues.
- I don't see the point of all these tiny schools in all the villages.
- One big school is a possibility if money was there.
- The school would also have better dining facilities and central multi-purpose hall for assemblies/shows and school events.
- Modern buildings with modern classrooms with space to accommodate all class sizes and space to store resources.
- One primary and one secondary would be better than a giant campus.
- Having visited both Grange and St Joseph new secondary schools in Kilmarnock I feel that one school campus could deliver education for 3 - 18 year olds
- New build schools have no heart.
- The issue of the Roman Catholic primary school being included in a new campus is also an issue
- If a new school were to be built, separate playgrounds for older pupils and younger pupils would be needed,
- Children would probably have to be bussed to the new school
- The town is split by a very busy, very dangerous road,
- Having just One school campus would be a poor choice,
- Closer negotiations would be made with staff to facilitate collaboration and cooperation
- If the one campus was utilised properly, new PE facilities would be needed
- I do not feel that one campus is a bad move
- If 2 schools were to amalgamate into one campus

