

Cardross Primary School Association

Minutes of 25 March 2021 at 7:30 (Virtual Meeting)

Present:

Keith West. Lindsay Young
Mairi McGeorge Stella Kinloch
Susan Marshal Emma McPherson
Karen Veitch Sophie Ritchie
Ruth O’Keeffe Senna Floyd
Mary Nash Kiersty Travers
Kirsty Buchan. Ellie Johnston
Maria Rasmussen Lynn Vickers
Gillian Gall
Apologies Kelly Girling and Nadia Padden

Minutes from previous meeting dated 25/2/21 Proposed by Karen Veitch &
Seconded by Susan Marshall.

Item1

Welcome: Keith officially open the meeting and welcomed the attendees .

Item2

A follow-up on the continued issue of dog fouling on the pavements around the school and village, Mrs Vickers has had the children do some posters which will be printed and laminated by the committee.

These will be placed around the village are key points .

Item3

Follow up from the primary seven transition meeting which was held between the primary seven parents and Mr Henry Via zoom,
Overall good attendance by parents and most concerns were answered on the evening.

Parents have been reminded that they can contact the school at any time if they have any concerns or queries regarding the primary seven transition to high school.

Item4

Parent and Carer parking around the school remains an ongoing concern with regards to safety of pupils crossing the road, the school have been using the expression app to

politely remind parents and carers that they preferred method of drop-off at school is a ride and stride approach .

The council have been contacted with regards to our concerns and will be repainting the yellow lines around the school & Will be putting in speed cushions around the school over the Easter holidays.

The CPSA Will be looking to purchasing some banners to place on the railings around the school to discourage parking on the yellow lines at the school,
Prices/quotes to follow

A few cars have been noted as being serial parkers on the zigzag lines at the school& We will be printing some posters for education purposes to hand out to these cars.

We're also going to contact Morrison's supermarket to see if they would be interested in sponsoring a no parking campaign,(possibly Toyota as well)

We also thought about emailing the new counsellor Gemma Morrison-Penfold to see if she will support us with the parking campaign.

We are also going to contact the Helensburgh Advertiser to see if they will come and run a small article on our endeavours with the parking at the school.

Item5

Treasurers report by Sophie Ritchie

Current balance in the bank is £7800.59

We received a check from the Tesco bags for life scheme for £1000 which will be assigned to outdoor learning .This is a very delayed response due to COVID however the committee are delighted that we have received this cheque regardless of timescale,

Many thanks Sophie

Item 6

Due to a wage underspend the school have managed to purchase a full class set of iPads, due to arrive in September 2021.

Item 7

No headteachers report this time.

Item 8

Amendment of Constitution

The Constitution for the CPSA has now been updated and is fit for purpose.

The new constitution will be published on our Facebook page and also the school

website.

Kelly already has the new constitution and is in full agreement.

The changes needed to update the Constitution was Passed with unanimous vote by the committee.

Item 9

Request for technology funding from the school to update the other tech that is rapidly outdated,

It was for 7 apple pencils & 15 chrome books ,

After much thought & discussion we voted to make a contribution of £6446.08 to cover this fully .

It was also suggested that a poly tunnel would be an ideal purchase for the garden, the pupils could make use of this all year round and it would tie in very well with the forthcoming update to the health menu. It was suggested Mr Cameron would be a great teacher to help look after this, we will look at costing for this .

The P7 class will be repurposing the unused pond in the schools wooded area in the final term of this year as part of the John Muir Award.

We also want to ask the individual classes what they would enjoy as extra equipment/games/educational aids , we have had a request from a parent to update the outdoor toys/games available for the primary 7 class , Miss Travers will look at what they have available at the moment & we can take any suggestions from there.

Item 10

Communications update

During Our assessment of a constitution we realised that there was a few areas that really needed looking at and one of those was how we communicate as a committee. Lots of areas have been looked at and to start with we are going to use the school website with links directly to the CPSC platforms, this will contain links to our Facebook page there are policies

The school will continue to use expressions app to push out important messages to the year groups.

We have also updated our Facebook page and published a closed parent carer Facebook page, we will check the user info alongside the information held at the school once a year, this will keep that page relevant and up-to-date.

We are also in the process of putting together a new pupil welcome pack, this will contain key information, links to all our social media and email address.

It will also give an overview of the CPSC and how parents/careers can get involved.

Item 11

Bird box update -

The early years school will keep the bird box as is currently, Contractors will fit the TV link in due course, it was suggested that we could maybe run a split so the rest of the school if you the TV screen from the early learning Centre possibly in the hallway but this is to be confirmed later.

Once covered restrictions have been lifted we can organise a parent Rueter for helping maintain the early learning Centre garden and outdoor area, we have had a lot of interest from parents very keen to help which is fantastic news.

Garden bottom fence

It was observed that the previous fence coverage was removed due to damage, the previous material was plastic camouflage and not environmentally friendly. It was requested that if the ELC replace this cover that they use an eco-friendly alternative. Committee also stated that they received positive feedback from parents about the nursery children being able to interact with P1 due to the removal of the fence cover. Laura confirmed that the plastic camouflage has been repurposed in the garden and not put to waste. The staff also feel there are benefits to the children seeing more outside activity (cars passing, mail man, workers, etc) and the current plan is not to replace this cover and instead to leave it open at this time.

ELC maintenance requests.

Committee asked for confirmation on what is needed. Nursery will need to confirm and place official request for funding via HT for all required items. For quickness Mairi and Keith offered to donate Bark, Laura estimated about 2 tons of Bark is required.

Action: Laura and Keith are to discuss and align on this donation.

AOB

CPS Sign

Keith raised concern over the 'Cardross Primary School' sign being in disrepair and need of maintenance. Kiersty advised that the council are responsible for the upkeep of the sign.

Action: Kiersty will email the council to request the sign receives some maintenance, and will provide a response back to the Committee.

Eco / School Garden update

Mrs Vickers advised that the Eco Committees Green Flag status is due to being renewed in June. This is a 2yr process and fortunately a lot of hard work was complete prior to lockdown so they are confident that they can achieve the renewal.

Gardening is a focus for teachers but acknowledged that they are finding it hard to do what is required in the Garden and balance everything else, especially for p1 having to manage 25 kids in a garden all together. Therefore Mrs Vickers reached out to the Cardross CAN group for collaboration. This discussion ended with a recommendation of a Cardross CAN – Garden Maintenance group. This group, made up of locals, parents, etc could access school grounds weekly, more focus on Spring / Summer, where volunteers could keep on top of maintenance of the grounds.

Mrs Vickers also advised she secured a donation of compost from Morrisons that they will be using for P1 planters. She also met with Co op Manager (Andrew) who advised that the school could potentially access £250 grant to help with outdoor maintenance.

Action: CPSA will speak with the Co op to confirm the conditions of the £250 grant and the next steps to access the funds. This information will be shared with the school.

Leavers (P7 and Nursery)

Maria raised the need for early planning for our leavers. Referencing the challenges of last year that may be repeated it is suggested that the School and CPSA plan for both activities gifts to celebrate and recognize a very challenging year. It was noted by the school that the CPSA gift something to every P7 every year. However a regular trip/event did not take place and was sorely missed by pupils. It was also noted that the CPSA fund a book bag to P1 every year, but this could not be done due to COVID.

Action: After Easter the CPSA will engage will Mr Henry (and the ELC) to see what can be done to recognize P7 leavers and Nursery leavers.

Closing

The CPSA chairs (Keith and Mairi) acknowledged and thanked the committee members for their hard work, calling out that this is a volunteering role and everything is appreciated.

Next meeting proposed for Thursday 22nd April @ 7.30pm.