

Note of Meeting

Friends of Loanhead Parent Council

Monday 16th January 2017

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Building Development

Representatives from EAC attended the meeting and provided an update on the capital investment plans for the school including:

- £2.030m budget provision for refurbishment of the building
- Additional £0.400m budget allocated for early years investment
- Budget is currently spread over a 5-year time period
- No plans were available at the meeting
- Work will be completed during operational term time
- Floors/classrooms can be decanted and works completed by adopting a phased programme of works
- The top floors require less work however some of the works on these levels will include changing radiators, improving ventilation, painting, flooring etc
- Would like to incorporate the dining facilities into the main building on the ground floor
- The layout of the ground floor will be reviewed
- Toilet facilities will be reviewed
- The existing extension may be removed as part of the work
- Sufficient area for Peace Childcare is required
- No budget provision for external improvement works to the playground

There is currently no specific or detailed programme of work therefore accurate costs of the work are not available at this time. EAC representatives will return in 4-8 weeks with proposed plans and indicative costs for the work.

In order to progress the external works and provide a more pleasant and fun playground area, FOL PC will likely have to source grant funding and raise funds independently from the Council. EAC offered to assist us and offer advice regarding the scope and specification of the work. EAC may be able to provide some funding to assist with the delivery of this project but could not commit to this.

Grant funding from local businesses may be available as well as resources from Ayrshire College (apprentices) to carry out external works.

FOL PC will progress these discussions to ensure every opportunity is maximised.

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Loanhead Primary Facebook Page

The school is exploring the possibility of setting up an official EAC school Facebook page. The consensus was that this would be a positive step in increasing communication with parents and carers. It is likely that the page would not be a two-way communication as this would require dedicated resources which may prove difficult. It would instead be used for notices to parents like the current blog and texting facility.

Easter Activities

The pupil fund raising committee asked FOL PC to work with them to develop fundraising ideas for Easter. Mrs Waugh/Mrs Taylor tabled some suggestions on behalf of the children, for the afternoons of w/c 27th March including:

- Egg Challenge – opportunity for each class to search for cards/tokens. Small eggs traded for tokens collected. Charge: 20p
- Dress Down Day on Friday 24th March - no charge. Children bring an egg.
- Easter Egg Tombola – Thursday 30th March. Tickets ending in 0 or 5 receive an egg (one of the eggs donated on dress down day). Charge 50p
- Easter Bonnet Parade/Daffodil Tea - Friday 31st March 2.15pm. Technology project (home task and school) to make an Easter bonnet. Parents and friends will be invited to school for tea/coffee and to watch the parade. Charge £1

The children requested support from the parents to supervise the activities

Karen Johnstone (co-Vice Chair) put forward additional suggestions for activities. Mrs Waugh and Mrs Taylor will take these ideas back to the pupils for consideration.

The children and staff would like to know more about FOL PC, so we will be looking to create a "getting to know us" leaflet/newsletter. We will also ensure the minutes of our meetings are circulated to pupils and staff.

AOB

Mr Forsyth confirmed that the school will be closed on Thursday 26th January to be used as a polling station for the by-election.

Office Bearers

Chair	Craig Hume
Vice Chair	Carolyn (Carrie) Hope
Co-Vice Chair	Karen Johnstone
Treasurer	Kaz Hume