

Fenwick Primary & ECC Parent Council Meeting

10 March 2021

ATTENDING

Donna Vivers	Chair
Robyn Davidson	Head Teacher
Cheryl Stevenson	Teacher Representative
Carla Dougan-Smith	Principal Teacher
Laura Campbell	ECC Depute Manager
Rebecca Batchelor	
Beverly White	
Patricia McMillan	
Martin Vivers	
Jennifer Chalmers	
Chris Duncan	
Clare Hynds	

Item	Subject	Discussion	Action
	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Actions from Last Meeting</p>	<p>Apologies-Carol Brown</p> <p>Minutes from last meeting – Donna proposed and Rebecca seconded</p> <p>P7 Transition Activities</p> <p>There has been one spell of communication from Loudoun Academy which was a 'live' online P7 parent meeting which explained how the school works etc.</p> <p>Loudoun Academy are hopeful that they will still be able to do the normal transition dates in June for the P7s.</p> <p>Loudoun Academy have said they will be in touch again in April.</p> <p>P7s are able to chat through teams.</p> <p>Mrs Davidson has been told that further plans will be shared after Easter.</p> <p>P7 parents/carers please let parent council know if they require more/specific information from Loudoun Academy.</p>	
	Head Teacher		

	Update	<p>Full return of pupils on the 15 March Infants and 1140 ECC hours have already started.</p> <p>Mrs Davidson is concerned about the number of parents around the school and also having the full school capacity in the playground at one time, so is proposing a staggered start/finish time.</p> <p>Half the school starting at 8.50am and finishing at 2.50pm and the other half starting at 9am and finishing at 3pm.</p> <p>Breaktimes will also be staggered.</p> <p>Taxi children will arrive at their normal time.</p> <p>This will be in place till Easter and then reviewed.</p> <p>The school has lost one of its classroom assistants, who was supplied through EAST and there are no current plans to replace her. Mrs Davidson will follow up after Easter to see if there is any change in that decision.</p> <p>Parents Night is due, but Mrs Davidson would like to postpone this to give teachers the chance to review and assess the pupils before speaking to the parents.</p> <p>Parent Council agreed that this would be a good idea to get more relevant feedback.</p> <p>Easter</p> <p>Mrs Dougan-Smith has organised a virtual Easter Egg hunt for all the pupils.</p> <p>Eggs have been donated from M&DS, Tesco, Morrisons, Asda, Sainsbury's, and Aldi.</p> <p>Mrs Dougan-Smith would have liked to include the community in this but has been advised to keep it to the school grounds.</p> <p>This will take place the last week before the holidays.</p> <p>The children will be sending Easter Eggs to local businesses, Hallhouse Care Home – including the care staff.</p> <p>Each class will take some too a local business, which is part of their walk in the local community.</p> <p>There will also be some sort of Easter service with the Fenwick Church.</p>	
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	<p>ECC</p>	<p>Spending Requirements Looking at developing outdoors and have ordered some resources from current funds. Had considered bringing animals into the school but there were mixed views from the surveys so will start with animal visits.</p> <p>1140 Hrs – How are things being managed? 1140 hours came into force on the 8 March and has gone very well. Kids have taken it all on board. They are enjoying quality interaction during lunch and have enjoyed mixing the am and the pm groups together.</p> <p>Due to covid rules, staffing levels have gone from 1/10 to 1/8 staff to kid’s ratio. The kids are in a routine that they are outside/inside and then lunch. These times are rotated each week. The ECC has bought waterproof clothing for all the kids. Feedback from parents has been really good. Lunch is going really well – there is a staff member at each table and food is plated for the kids and they are asked what they would like.</p> <p>Introducing New Staff New ECC staff have be introduced through the app and we would really like to do live introductions, but it isn’t possible just now. There is a new support assistant starting on Monday.</p> <p>Role – ECC Spaces Friday is the closing date for applications but won’t have a true reflection of numbers until April. 8 will be definitely returning. Important to get numbers up.</p> <p>Letter from Janie Allen Janie Allen has sent a letter to the community council explaining what is happening regarding the nursery. Any parents should address questions to Janie.</p>	
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	<p>Treasurer's Update</p> <p>Fundraising Update</p> <p>AOB</p>	<p>It was asked what budget was originally in place for the new build ECC and will be getting that budget for the in school ECC – EAC didn't actually have the money for a new build allocated.</p> <p>Parent council is worried that the new ECC is not solving the problem about trying to increase the school role.</p> <p>Also concerns about the lack of playground space for all pupils. Option is to use the staff car park area but were would the teachers park? Mrs Davidson is concerned that the nursery won't have free flow access to the garden.</p> <p>Next step is to share the plans with the parents, to feedback about the extra space much needed and to ask the community council if there could be the possibility of accessing some of the greenspace next to the school to support outdoor learning in some shape or form.</p> <p>The school/parent council like the idea of a MUGA being built (Multi use games area) but funding would have to be found for this.</p> <p>£914 in back £430 in school account to go into Parent Council account. Year Books – Parent Council to pay for, usually around £110.</p> <p>Mrs Davidson to look at the list of suggestions from the pupils to see if the items are still needed.</p> <p>Outdoor Materials Parents have asked why the train in the playground is not being used.</p> <p>Mrs Davidson confirmed that the position of the train in the playground is not great as kids</p>	
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