Fenwick Primary & ECC Parent Council Meeting

25 May 2021

ATTENDING

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

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	Welcome and Apologies	Minutes from last meeting – Donna proposed and Rebecca seconded Apologies Chris Duncan, Beverley Waite,	
	Actions from Last Meeting	Lynsey Barnaby Garden Sub Group Update The meeting that had been arranged for this week was cancelled. Main focus is to get as much outdoor space as possible. The suggested plans for the playing field have been shared but these still need to be costed. Working with the Community Council and Vibrant Communities. There is some money available but once it has been costed we can look at how to raise any	
	Head Teacher Update	needed funds. Mrs Davidson confirmed that the field has currently been too wet for the pupils to use just now. In future, the pupils can use the field – there are suitable risk assessments in place. Mrs Davidson's newsletter came out last week with details up to the end of June.	

Report cards will be coming out shortly.	
The staff have been working on the evaluation of the school improvement plans and a survey will be going out to parents for their views on these plans. Mrs Davidson would like to hold a focus group with parents to discuss this further.	
Staff begin work on the school improvement plan for next term including looking at the impact of covid.	
PEF Money Pupil Equity Funding has increased. Our current funding is £9k and £8k of that is allocated to funding a staff member. This will now increase to £11K – which gives us an extra £3K to spend on resources. Our current school budget is very low based on deprivation index and size of school.	
End of Term Plans Health week next week – Mrs Ross and the Health and Wellbeing Committee have been working on a timetable of events including the mounted police, smoothie bikes and sports activities.	
Sports Day is Thursday 3 June – unfortunately, the whole school can't come out at the same time and parents are not allowed to attend.	
Transition – ECC to P1 Risk assessments have been completed for the children and any coming from other ECCs will be in bubbles. The name of the teachers will be told shortly.	
Deputy Head Teacher We are now entitled to a DHT, short leeting has been done for the post and Mrs Davidson is awaiting interview dates – they will hopefully be in place for August.	
Mrs Kelly has been offered the post of head teacher at Dunlop Primary.	
Staffing Mrs Davidson is waiting for final confirmation of	

	staffing from HR.
	School Funday Currently organised – bouncy castle, outdoor games, indoor soft play, Hexaglow, McDougall's performance (£250 – PC paying) Ice Cream Van (£224 – PC Paying) Marshmallow Toasting
	The school is looking at buying an outdoor portable PA system.
	 P7 Leavers Plans Parent Council have paid for the P7 handbook (£165.65) – money to come out of the funds that the school are currently holding. The schools prizegiving will end with the P7 show. Also organised – bubble football, dominos pizza and treats, balloon arch, Instagram frame, disco. The P7s produced a class wish list including a local walk to tidy up the area. They will also be doing the Tree Top Trials which parents have contributed to. This replaces the P7 residential trip which cannot go ahead because of covid restrictions again this year. School have covered the majority of costs and thank you to parents who have donated.
	Though fundraising activities have been limited this year, Parent Council are happy to support with any costs that we have the money to cover.
	Moving forward the P7 pupils and teachers will take the lead on the organisation of P7 leaver activities, along with parental support. There may be opportunities for a pupil Leadership awards in this area.
ECC	Next year, Mrs Davidson would like to focus on STEM resources. She has spoken to the architect about turning the outdoor shelter into an indoor/outdoor STEM classroom, hopefully with bi-fold doors.

Would be looking to fundraise for resources for this area.
Mrs Davidson has been shown plans for the ECC to have direct garden access from the teachers parking area up to the kitchen and the plans look amazing. This would mean that the current garden would be opened up to the school.
ECC Graduation Will take place on 17 June – unfortunelay, parents will not be able to attend even if it could be done outdoors but it will be filmed and sent out to parents. The children will have graduation gowns and receive certificates. Official photographs will be taken and framed for parents to have and digital versions available for sharing.
Parent Council will be buying the ties and gym bags for all new P1 pupils.
£1340 in the bank • £165-P7 yearbook • £190- Mr Miller parking buddy • £224-Ice cream van for fun day • £250-MacDougalls for fun day • £150-Insurance • £50-Ties and gym bags
Mrs Davidson is still waiting for confirmed plans of what works will be done to the school before August – looks like September before the confirmed drawing for the ECC space will be received.
ECC Intake A few parents have been told that their children are not getting places at local nurseries. Look at a way to capitalise on this.
Buddies Children cannot currently mix so it might not be able to allocate buddies this term but hopefully after the summer they will be able to do something. Mrs Davidson to speak to Mrs Ross about this

Lunchtimes Some parents had commented that the children felt that they were rushing at lunchtimes. Lunchtimes have been updated since Tier 2 and are now over 2 sessions rather than 3 – so more time allocated.	
Outdoor Space During Summer Parent Council are happy to keep an eye on the garden over the summer and do any tidying needed. Donna has access to this area	