

Fenwick Primary & ECC Parent Council Meeting

14 September 2021

ATTENDING

Donna Vivers	Chair
Robyn Davidson	Head Teacher
Rhona McKillop	Deputy Head Teacher
Cheryl Stevenson	
Rebecca Batchelor	
Patricia McMillan	
Claire Hynds	
Jennifer Chalmers	
Antonia Perceval	

Item	Subject	Discussion	Action
	Welcome and Apologies	Donna welcomed everyone to the first parent council meeting of the year. Apologies from Carol Brown, Chris Duncan and Lynsey Barnaby.	
	Actions from Last Meeting	Could names be put against actions within the minutes? School Improvement Plan – is on the agenda Recruitment of ECC Members Post went out on Facebook page, need to do another push. Increasing School Roll Rolling action. Does the school currently have space to increase the school role? Mrs Davidson confirmed that there are a small number of spaces within the ECC and there is limited space in some classes, but some have plenty of space, so it depends on the stage. Need to look at increasing the ECC role for next session as 10 -14 kids will be moving up from the ECC to primary and 19 kids will be leaving the primary so the roll will decrease.	RB Mrs D JC
		Donna suggested documenting the development of the ECC on social media.	RD

	<p>Head Teacher Update</p>	<p>Mrs Davidson will speak to the architect and Janie Allen about that and also to get updated plans to show the new outdoor development.</p> <p>Claire Hynds mentioned parents not putting their children into the ECC due to the lack of out of school care. Donna is keen to explore what options there are to develop this.</p> <p>Mrs Davidson is keen to introduce extra-curricular classes after school which could help with after school care – but these classes are banned until after the October holiday at the earliest.</p> <p>Jennifer Chalmers is to speak to her contact at toddlers to make her aware that the church hall would be available to start up the class again.</p> <p>Planned AGM Accounts need to be finalised Donna to arrange the meeting</p> <p>Update 2019-20 The school has had to manage ever changing covid restrictions, pupil and staff isolation, change in staff, and a second school closure.</p> <p>Positives: Adapting and improving on home learning – feedback was that parents felt it was much better during the winter lockdown.</p> <p>Contingency plans are on the website and are constantly reviewed. https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ea/fenwickprimaryschool/school-information-and-documents/contingency-planning/</p> <p>The school received our Digital Schools Award</p> <p>There was a huge focus on Health & Wellbeing</p> <p>Rights Respecting School – nearly ready to go for the gold award</p> <p>Great health week and fun day.</p>	<p>DV</p> <p>JC</p> <p>CB/DV</p>
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		<p>children on a one-one basis</p> <p>School Counselling Service – for aged 10+. Mrs Davidson encourages any parent to use this service to support their children</p> <p>Mrs McKillop – not classroom specific</p> <p>The school is comfortably staffed at the moment.</p> <p>School Improvement Plan Has been produced from consultation with staff/pupils/parents</p> <p>Looking at improving (relating to the National Improvement Framework): Literacy & Numeracy Developing skills for learning, life and work Health & Wellbeing Reducing Inequalities for Children</p> <p>Please read the Improvement Plan that was issued to the Parent Council</p> <p>Literacy & Numeracy Miss Galloway leading the current assessment for P1,P4 & P7 using SNSA</p> <p>STEM – we received a grant for staff training and the staff are working with the LOST team and focusing on numeracy and outdoor learning. Will be working in Dunlop Primary who are within our family of schools as part of the Regional Improvement Collaborative. Mrs Eccleston is leading this.</p> <p>Skills for Life Learning The pupils are interested in coding, Dash Robot and Minecraft – Miss Thomson is looking in the different options</p> <p>Mrs Davidson would like to involve parents sharing career information with the pupils – hopefully next year, ‘World of Work’ event in school.</p> <p>Looking to bring back committees and masterclasses</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>
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	<p>ECC</p>	<p>HWB Working towards our Gold RRSA Mrs McKillop driving forward Inclusive Practice</p> <p>“Cost of a School Day” Looking at reducing the amount of money that families need to spend. The head of education has said no to any event that mean parents have to pay – i.e. dress down days Need to be careful how we are going to fundraise</p> <p>Mrs Davidson was asked about any support for pupils that are at home isolating. Mrs Davidson confirmed that they would not normally be issuing work at home if a child is isolating as they are officially off sick. However, there is information about contingency plans on the website including information about sumdog, bugclub etc</p> <p>Mrs Davidson will inform parents about this, so they are aware of this information</p> <p>Mrs Davidson was asked what would happen with any vulnerable children if there was a covid case, but the vulnerable child had not been contacted by Track and Trace. Mrs Davidson would need to confirm that.</p> <p>Update from Mrs McKillop ECC is doing very well. There is a focus on improving the communication with parents and discussions have been in place with parents about the best communication methods.</p> <p>Parents are happy with the on-line learning journals and the information on the app. They would prefer to continue with the Facebook page rather than Twitter.</p> <p>The new staff are getting to know each other and the kids. They are looking at last years SIP and what needs to be completed and what they need to move onto.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>RD</p> <p>RD</p>
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	<p>Treasurer's Update</p> <p>AOB</p>	<p>Priority is to raise the profile of the ECC and get as much communication out there as possible.</p> <p>TBC</p> <p>Out of School Care – need to look at what options are out there.</p> <p>Christmas Cards Donna has ordered the pack for this</p> <p>Halloween Parent council to think of any ideas and post to group chat</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>DV</p> <p>All</p>
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