

# William McIlvanney Campus (Primary and Early Years) Parent Council

## Minutes - 4th October 2023

- **Welcome, Introduction and Apologies**

**Attended:** Laura McChristie, Margaret Black, Debbie Murdoch, Lindsey Anderson, Louise Messer, Mrs Stewart, Ms Dougan, Cllr Ingram, Cllr Barton, Cllr Boyd

**Apologies:** Lynsey Kerr, Nicola Haswell, Cllr Douglas, Mr Swan .

- **Parent Council Business**

- Officer bearers were confirmed for the 2023/24 session:
  - Laura McChristie - Chair
  - Margaret Black - Vice chair and Treasurer
- Accounts - MB gave an overview of the Accounts - please see Appendix 1 for more detail.
- Report from last session - LM gave a brief overview of the last session highlighting the collaboration with the school on a wide range of issues affecting the school, pupils and parents including parking/car park issues, the school blog and homework. We also reviewed the input we had from Miss Smith regarding attainment and Mr Swan regarding his role within the school. These were very useful presentations and the parent council appreciate their attendance. We then discussed the parent council rebrand and the work done last session in regard to this. The group confirmed the values and vision statements. There was also a discussion on the logo as the Council had been contacted to assist but we have not received anything from them. Debbie advised that she could develop the logo, the group agreed and thanked Debbie for the offer and asked the logo be brought to a future meeting for approval.
- Parental Engagement Plan and format of future meetings - Mrs Dougan and LM brought a draft of this plan for discussion and this was confirmed by the rest of the group - see final version in Appendix 2

- Dates of future meetings - TBC
- Fundraising Update - see Appendix 3 and Appendix 4
  - separate to the Fundraising monies, there is a sum of money, £4000, which has been separated from the main pot as this money had been earmarked for playground equipment. However, this is not going to be possible and other options were suggested including a climbing wall. The Fundraisers looked into costings and Ms Dougan investigated whether this would be possible in our gym hall.

Ms Dougan has received confirmation from FES that this is fine and they will install the climbing panels at no cost. Ms Dougan also confirmed they will be maintained with the rest of the gym equipment and there will be no further cost to the Parent Council to maintain. Debbie advised of costings and the group agreed of the purchase of 8 panels for approx £3000, and it was noted that this is currently due to a 20% off voucher so they needed to be ordered asap. The group agreed to this spend from this separate pot of money for the benefit and use of all the pupils.

- Head Teacher Update - see Appendix 5.
  - Ms Dougan asked for support from the fundraisers for two items - the first being a subscription for Reading Eggs which is being used by the school on a trial basis and staff are finding it very useful. Ms Dougan asked for half the cost, £421 which was agreed. The second item was the payment of the buses for the pantomime which will cost £1500. Ms Dougan advised she wants to keep the costs down for parents as much as possible. The group agreed they would consider whether that was possible and get back to Ms Dougan ASAP.

- AOCB:

- phones - a query was raised with regard to phones and when they are permitted. Ms Dougan confirmed that the pupils are told that they must remain in their bag and she will reiterate with staff.

- P1 induction - issues with the inductions was raised and LM suggested that prior to the session on P1 induction in 2024, a survey/open comment invitation is sent to p1 parents to obtain their views so this can be built into this session.

