NETHER ROBERTLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

MINUTES OF MEETING (via Teams), Tuesday 9th November, 2021 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Natalie McMaster, Alexandra Goldie, Cathy Burslem Hill, Ashley Newton, Stacey Todd, Joanna Deeks-Nisbett, Lauren Hussain, Loree Thomson,

Lynne Bicket, Mary Menzies, Kyla Richardson, Anne Borland, Helen Ward,

Nicola Shaw

APOLOGIES: Mhairi Speirs, Hayley King

IN ATTENDANCE: Jackie Shaw, Simon Bell, Ann Orr

WELCOME: Mrs Goldie welcome everyone to the first meeting of the current academic session. She introduced Mr Bell (EAC) who gave an update on the recent refurbishment.

REFURBISHMENT UPDATE: Mr Bell reported that Phase 1 of the refurbishment of the upper school, foyer and part of the office area had been completed, and had been well received. Feedback from pupils and staff was very positive. Phase 2 of the refurbishment, the infant end of the school, will take place next summer. This will include new flooring, blinds etc. Phase 3 will take place the following year and will include the remaining office area and dining room area. With regard to the climate strategy, this has been approved and it hoped that level zero will be achieved by 2030. Local councils are working together with their specialist surveys in different types of buildings and are sharing results. With regard to funding it was confirmed that ‘fabric first’ was a priority to keep the building as airtight as possible. NRPS will, in due course, be linked to the Biomass Boiler currently under construction at Stewarton Academy. Mrs J Shaw will make enquiries about when this is likely to happen.

PA UPDATE: Mrs Nicola Shaw, chair of the PA, gave an update. With regard to the Trim Trail additions – this cannot go ahead as a quote of £28,000 had been given for this. As this must go through Procurement there is no other way to proceed with this at the moment. A potential playground upgrade is now being considered and will be discussed further. Christmas card orders are now being ordered – 13th November is final date for this. The PA also hoped to organise a possible family Christmas event, this too will be discussed further to see what could be offered. Selection boxes have been bought for every pupil.

HT REPORT: Mrs J Shaw gave an update. As had been announced, NRPS won the Cash for Kids fundraising event. It was agreed that when the school receives payment for this, a donation will be given to Cash for Kids. Parents felt that this should be done. Ways to publicise this are to be considered. Consultation will take place with staff, parents and pupils on how this could be spent. Consideration is also to be given as to whether we will repeat this next year.

Following the recent refurbishment, a Property Patrol Pledge will be launched at assembly this week. This will ensure that all pupils are looking after our property. A staff base has also been created. IT have supplied corporate computers and furniture for this base has been obtained (at no cost to the school).

With regard to staffing – Mrs Gavin has secured the 0.4 post until the end of March. A permanent classroom assistant, Mrs J Hunter, has been appointed. Miss Thompson P4T will be returning to work on 29th November and Parents’

Evening calls will be arranged after her return. It was agreed that the recent Parents’ Evening calls had been a success, although it is hoped that parents will be able to come into school again in the not too distant future.

The Improvement Plan has been done. Overall opinion seems to be that literacy, numeracy, wellbeing and reading are the main priorities. It is hoped that more parental workshops can take place to make parents aware of current methods in use. Homework is being looked at and this will be put on the next agenda. The Improvement Plan will also be available in a child friendly format.

Following the recent success of the school in achieving gold level for being Dyslexia Inclusive, it was agreed that the Inclusive Practice Week had gone very well and the amount of work that had gone in to this was acknowledged. Twitter numbers are showing a steady increase and it is hoped that this will be maintained. The authority is creating an Anti-Bullying Policy and has asked for parental involvement. Mrs Goldie is happy to do this, but encouraged other parents to become involved too. Although bullying is not an issue at NRPS, it was agreed that this would be a worthwhile project to become involved in. The school Blog has been launched, this will be constantly updated. Staff training has taken place. The Parent Council and PA will have their own pages and these will be used to display minutes of meetings, events, etc.

Parents asked about when children would be able to return to the dining room as some schools have already done this. We are not in a position to do this at the moment as our dining room does not have adequate ventilation. With regard to after school clubs this too will be looked at to see what we can offer within the current authority guidelines.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held in the new year, unless anything cropped up in the interim.

Mrs Goldie thanked those who had attended and closed the meeting at 9.00pm.