NETHER ROBERTLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

MINUTES OF MEETING (via Zoom), Tuesday 1st February, 2022 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Natalie McMaster, Alexandra Goldie, Helen Ward, Anne Borland, Joanna Deeks-Nisbet, Loree Thomson, Ashley Newton, Iona MacLeod, Lynne Bicket, Lauren Hussain, Lisa Dawson, Kyla Richardson, Lorna Templeton, Heather McLean, Mary Menzies.

APOLOGIES: Ann Orr, Mhairi Speirs, Nicola Shaw, Vicky Young, Hayley Young

IN ATTENDANCE: Jackie Shaw

WELCOME: Mrs Goldie welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mrs Bicket approved the minutes of the previous meeting and Mrs Thomson seconded them.

PA UPDATE: An update on the PA was given by Mrs Goldie. The sum of £750 has been made by Christmas Cards. She advised that the PA are kindly purchasing the hoodies for our P7 pupils as they do not currently have a residential trip planned due to Covid.

HT REPORT: Mrs Shaw then gave an update.

STAFFING: With regard to staffing, Mrs Gavin’s temporary full time post will end on 31 March. There, is, however, a chance that she could remain in this post until June. If she would like to do so. Ms Thompson, P4T is still absent – long term sickness. Mrs Ward has been covering this class as long term supply, providing continuity for this class. Miss Gray is returning next Monday on a 3 day week basis for P2S until June and will return full time in August. Mrs Scott will continue to cover the remaining days until the end of March. An Early Years Practitioner will be place in school – Abby Woods. Abby will be in school full time until the end of June to assist with what play based pedagogy will look like for 2022/2023 session. She has been allocated free of charge. A visit is to be made to Patna to see how they operate and get some ideas.

COVID UPDATE: New guidance has been issued today, but at this moment there is no guidance from EAC. We are still very limited to what areas we can use eg., dining room etc. The layout of the school does not lend a hand to a one way system. We are restricted to using classrooms at lunchtime which is not ideal but is our only option for now.

DANCEFEST: NRPS are to participate in this across the P7 cohort.

SYMPTOMS OF COVID: As there are such a large variety of symptoms now – if in doubt we have to be vigilant and ask for a PCR. This week levels are on the rise across classes, but are not near outbreak or levels or causing staff issues.

FOOTBALL: This was brought up at the last meeting and Mrs Shaw said that Mr Hyslop will be starting boys football and Mr Mason will be starting football for girls. More information to follow, likely to be mid – end of February.

BIOMASS BOILER: this will not be compatible with our existing heating system so no connection will be made until our heating is upgraded.

CASH FOR KIDS: We have now purchased 15 HP Notebooks at a total cost of £7965. We also ordered a charging trolley, £710 and 20 headphones costing £164. The sum of £1000 was donated back to Cash for Kids.

TRANSITION: Transition for P7 pupils has started at Stewarton Academy. Principal Teachers from Stewarton Academy have been across to meet our boys and girls – various dates have been put in the diary. Various Teams related programmes will be available to help with Transition. Due to Covid, children are not allowed to go to Stewarton Academy. It is hoped that this will change in the near future.

P1 INDUCTION: The cohort this year is much larger and there will definitely be more than 1 class. Final figures not available until all placing request have been received. This year 61 P7 pupils are leaving which will impact on the school roll and staffing. It is hoped that as many P1’s as possible will enrol. ECC children will take part in virtual transitioning in Term 3. At the moment children can mix outside so transitioning can perhaps be done this way.

REFURB UPDATE: Mrs Shaw has managed to obtain 10 bookcases and some second hand PCs along with 7 computer chairs. At the infant end it is hoped that we can get some carpeted areas as well as lino. It has also been identified that infant cloakrooms have potential trip hazard areas. It is hoped that we will have much safer cloakroom areas as part of the Property Pledge.

P6 MUSIC TUITION: The music tutor from Stewarton Academy came to visit P6 pupils. She brought various musical instruments and children can apply for one via the App.

OLD NURSERY BUILDING: This is currently filled with old furniture and cannot be used as a learning space. Mrs Shaw is to ask about this.

Play pedagogy was discussed briefly before the meeting was unfortunately cut off rom Zoom.