NETHER ROBERTLAND PARENT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH 2023 AT 7.15PM

PRESENT: Lisa Davidson, Cathy Hill, Lauren Hussain, Evelyn Hunter, Lorna Templeton, Loree Thomson, Alexandra Goldie, Maggie Keddie, Natalie McMaster, Jennifer Butler, Stacey Todd.

IN ATTENDANCE: Jackie Beveridge, Cllr Freel

 APOLOGIES: Mary Menzies, Kyla Richardson, Helen Ward, Ashley Newton, Janice Thompson.

The meeting opened at 7.15.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Proposed by Jennifer Butler, seconded by Cathy Hill.

The meeting began at 7.15, Mrs Beveridge welcomed all in attendance.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: Alexandra addressed the point from the previous minutes regarding the crossing point at Cutsburn Rise and Pokelly Place. The meeting with the JRSO’s and PC members is to go ahead on 26th April at 9.15am. Lisa Davidson is to attend along with Helen Ward (if available).

OLD ECC UPDATE: Alexandra discussed the various steps that have taken place so far to get meeting with the council to come out and view ECC. Angela Graham came with her colleague Steven. Loree Thomson represented the PC. Overall things look fairly positive and it will certainly not be shut down as there is an option to start using it again. Alexandra fed back to the PC that Angela has now given planning an update and shared this with the PC. ASN is one option to consider as this ties in with the council education agenda. The next step is to push for a mechanical/electrical survey to take place. Cllr Freel said she would do this. Lisa Davidson said it would be worth trying to get this done during the summer to reduce the risk of damage to the building next autumn/winter. Eddie Bulik, Grant Funding Manager is a possible contact to look at once electrical survey results are available. There was a discussion around various funding options – this will be looked at when we have moved on to the next steps. PC members are to be kept updated via e-mail and possible task force being set up.

SCHOOL APP: This is a work in progress, the old app will stop on 31st March.

OTHER ITEMS: Lets Talk Education Education Survey is still open and members were reminded to try and fill it out so people can have their say. It was acknowledged that sometimes these things are difficult to complete without prior knowledge.

PA UPDATE:

* Headphones have now been bought for school.
* There is to be a disco on 30th March.
* On 23d June there is to be a Fun Day/Fundraiser during school day to celebrate school’s 50th birthday. Various activities on the Friday. Also an event for invited guests, past teachers, past head teachers etc. On the following Monday the school will opened to the wider community for all to enjoy. More details to follow.

HT UPDATE: HT advised that the school was last inspected in 2009. There is to be a Learning Visit and 4 members of the council are to come in on April 24/25th. There will be presentations on Monday 24th by HT and DHT on Monday in the morning and the 4 council members will observe every class and also do walk rounds. The Pupil Focus Group and Parent Focus Group will attend on Tuesday 25th April. HT will pull together groups and if anyone particularly wanted to be involved they were to e-mail the school. It was confirmed that Alexandra and Cathy will represent the PC and PA. With regard to staffing, a 16.5hours role for a Classroom Assistant has been allocated. This post has been filled and we are just waiting for a start date. Unfortunately the first candidate selected pulled out so the process had to start again. Core staffing allocations are being confirmed and finalised.

PHASE 3 PROPERTY PLEDGE: Jackie confirmed that Phase 3 will now begin in summer 2024. She is hoping to get a ‘den’ updated as the current space has mould on the wall and the lighting is not very good. The Pupil Improvement Group have been renamed as **S**tudents **S**trive **a**nd **R**ise **S**quad – STARS. They are working on values based projects.

Jackie thanked the PA for the headphones. Our ECO group will work with Stewarton Academy and Stewarton Against Litter to do litter picks. The STARS are working on what awards will be given at the end of the year prize giving. The Bonnet Guild are awarding an outstanding contribution to the school and community award. The STARS group are working on a name for this event – not prize giving. With regard to school hours, Jackie confirmed that there will be further consultation around this. She is now engaging with childminders in Stewarton. Following this she will then communicate with parents, especially ones with concerns. Lisa Davidson asked if the aim is to implement change in August if it goes head. Jackie said that needs to be looked at, but if it were to go ahead then the aim would be yes. Alexandra checked if anyone else had any questions about this. Loree Thomson shared that there has been a poll done on a few class chats, and there is a high percentage opposing it. Jackie said she would seek advice before sharing information.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm.