

Minutes of Isobel Mair Parent Council Meeting
5th March 2025 @ 7pm

Present at Meeting

Brooke Moir	Seana Moore
Mairi Jean Watkins	Susan Goodlad
Lisa Sandhu	Kirsteen MacKay
Lindsay Gall	Joanne Todd
Zoe Wray	Ursula Scrimgeour
Tom Gilbert	Nick Crossan
Lisa Pollachi	Tracy Valentini
Lauren Cuthbertson	
Katie Robson	
Colette Kean	
Julie Bryson	

Mairi Jean welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Head Teacher Update – Please see attached report.

Pool update – The pool is costing many thousands of pounds. The importance of the pool to the children was stressed as lots of them would benefit from using it. Mairi Jean wondered if the new Leisure Centre would be any good for our children. The Parent Council are anxious to see the pool Progressing ASAP.

Dropped Kerb – Mairi Jean asked if they could get this raised. Previously the school had been quoted a few thousand pounds to have this done. Robert will liaise with Derek McNish about this to get things moving.

Fundraising - Currently the Parent Council funds are sitting at over £9,000. Lindsay Gall had said they had a wish list but it would need to be costed up at the school. Head Teacher, Seana commented that she has some ideas of what the money could be spent on.

Joanne Todd advised that the fantastic sum of £10,340 from the Lavender Drive Christmas Lights was raised and the funds were presented to the School and Family Centre recently. The residents have asked that the £340 be spent on something nice for all the staff in Isobel Mair School and Family Centre as everyone does such a great job. The £10,000 left will be split between the School and Family Centre and will be put towards buying something for both i.e. bikes, outdoor equipment or perhaps fencing in the Family Centre. Joanne mentioned that she still has a football strip that could be raffled or auctioned.

Mairi Jean advised that the school lottery is going very well. Money going into the Parent Council Account on a monthly basis which is great. A total of £786 has been paid in so far.

Mairi Jean wondered if the school could hold an information evening for parents re online safety for children. Might be a good idea for the older pupils in the school. Ursula will look into this.

Curriculum Event – This was a poor turnout. Very difficult to get parents to come into the school to see the teaching and learning. Need to think how we can get a wider parental engagement for this. Mairi Jean thought maybe some parents thought it was a presentation more than visiting the classes which they've done before. An online meeting was suggested but Nick didn't think this would have the same impact. Julie Bryson wondered if this could be combined with some sort of fundraising event which might attract Parents to come along.

School Improvement Plan

Seana would like to engage parents in STEM. Mairi Jean wondered about collaboration from other schools – P6, P7 or High School children. Seana agreed that this would be a good idea.

Lending Library

Kirsteen advised that the school now have a lending library which is based in the Parents' room upstairs in school. There are different books which the children will be able to borrow to support the early stages of learning at home. This will be communicated to Parents.

Dropped Kerb

Seana will chase this up with Joanne Flannigan, Health and Safety.

Local Improvement Plan

Mairi Jean feels that this is very mainstream based. She commented that it would be good to have a curriculum in PE for the pupils. Seana agrees with this and has been looking at some PE programmes. Spoken to the HT at Eastwood High to find out if we could access their facilities as a school.

Out of School Care

Leadership of the out of school care will be run by the school staff. Presently recruiting staff with the hope that 20 children can be accommodated come August 3pm to 5:30pm. It's expected that a questionnaire will be sent out to Parents asking about their circumstances but priority will be given to working Parents. The main issue will be staffing and cover during holiday periods but things are definitely moving forward.

Hopefully, the summer provision will be better and should allow more places as looking to partner up with others. Nick will look at the children that will be able to access

Include Me 2 and will compile a list. Seana will have a chat with Lynn Forrest, Inclusive Support around criteria for a place.

Transport

Zoe advised that following the meeting they had before Christmas, Transport made a commitment to put plans in place to advise Parents of details of the Buses, Drivers, Escorts etc. before the school stops for the summer break instead of waiting until August.

P7 & S6 Celebrations

Seana suggested maybe getting a group of P7 Parents and staff together to arrange something for P7 Leavers.