



NEILSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
Minutes of Neilston Parent Council

24th October 2017

6.30pm

Present

Natalie McMillan (Chair), Gerard Curley (HT), David Bonnar (DHT), Kenny Fulton (Treasurer), Jill Keyes (SOS Chair), Jenny Macdonald (Secretary) Olivia Crook (Teacher) Kellie Miller (Planning), Paul O’Kane (Councillor)

Parents

Anna Kerr, Joe Deary, Rhona Thompson, Joanne Gardner, Stacey Moffat

Apologies: Fiona Maxwell, Karen Elrick

Agenda item	Notes	Action
1. Minutes of last Meeting	No issues raised.	
2. Planning	Kellie Miller gave a presentation for the Neilston Locality Engagement Plan and informed us that the planning process has commenced. To begin with they will look at the best ways to engage with parents regarding the joint campus so that views can be fed back into the plan to ensure a joint agreement between the community and the partner agencies. They will be meeting with key groups in the village such as NDT, Sports Hub, Community Council and the Parent Council. At their next meeting they will be looking at the best methods to use to engage people within the community, here they will also look at sharing resources within the community to facilitate these engagements. Views of those people living within the SIMD 1-3 area of the village will be actively sought. It will be a stipulation that each group has its own representative for that group to avoid one person speaking for different groups.	A full list of the partner agencies will be sent to N McM.
3. Outdoor Learning	Miss Crook informed us that there the Outdoor Learning Policy has been updated and that Children will now be outside as much as possible. The policy is still in draft at the moment. Parents have been invited to come into the school grounds on 29 th October to help prepare the grounds for the 350 trees that have been donated to the school. The Dams to Darnley Trust will be there but they would like it make it into a Community project and have locals involved. There will be Coffee and marshmallows. It was questioned as to whether it was ‘worth the effort’ given that the school will be knocked down, Miss Crook assured us that she will look into what can be done with the trees when we move schools. Paul O’Kane also	The draft policy will be emailed out for any feedback.

	<p>agreed that it was east Renfrewshire's Policy that you 'work with what you have' and make the most of it.</p> <p>In support of their new forest schools approach, there will be a Learning Campus event called 'Project Wild Thing' on Wednesday 15th November 4.15 – 5pm and the school will look to arrange another showing that is more accessible to those parents working during the day.</p> <p>Parents have been asked to vote for the School through the Aviva Community Fund which could lead to a financial gain of between £10000 and £25000. Voting closes 21/11/17</p>	
<p>4. Head Teacher Report</p>	<p>Staffing Staffing is almost full with the exception of 2 vacancies for CDO's in MFC.</p> <p>Pantomime Update The total cost of the trip is £5589, the SOS group are contributing £1755, the school are contributing £1400 and Madras FC £350. The balance is £2079 which breaks down to a price of £6 per person.</p> <p>The report from the Support and Protect Thematic Group has arrived and NPS have been scored with a Very Good in the Impact on Child category and Capacity for Improvement section, and a Good for the Staff and the Carers and Family sections. It was recorded that there was a very positive ethos rooted in rights and relationship.</p> <p>After School Clubs It was reported that there is currently the highest uptake of After School Sports.</p> <p>Senior Leadership Team There has been a distribution of more leadership opportunities for the staff and out of 15 teachers there are only 2 who don't have extra leadership roles at the moment.</p> <p>Depute Head Teacher Report Digital Learning Update The school are aiming for Digital Leader Award. The equipment is working well but the Network still continues to be an issue. 'Bring Own Device' - There were a few concerns around this and Mr Curley assured us that there were a number of issues that need to be addressed and it would not be rolled out until these issues were sorted. He is looking at the pilots Council-wide and is waiting for them to iron out the problems before he implements it fully.</p> <p>The school are working towards the Foundation Level of</p>	

	<p>the International Schools Award and are looking into partnerships with schools in Poland and South France. The 5 minute Numeracy and Literacy Boxes have been distributed and all staff have been trained and are using them on a daily basis.</p> <p>The Izone is being led by Mrs Connor and Mrs McDermott is working on Health & Wellbeing.</p> <p>Early Years The play pedagogy in Madras FC and p1 is being adapted and will lean towards a more experiential play experience, the p2 teacher is also being trained in this area. £2500 has been released to develop the Early Levels and change the classrooms accordingly.</p> <p>Floor Book Mr Curley used a floor book to document the journey of change since he has been at the school. The book shows honest self-evaluation of the school and teachers and evidences improvements that have been made. It showed a clear path of building relationships between NPS and MFC staff.</p>	
<p>5. Update from Councillor O’Kane</p>	<p>Budget Paul O’Kane reported that ERC are on a 3 year budget saving agenda and need to save £26m over this time frame, they are consulting as much as possible at the moment. ERC are looking for views from everyone so we are to respond by the middle of November.</p> <p>It was raised that the leaflets and the information sent out already is very difficult to understand and that the wording was almost contradictory.</p> <p>New School A survey to all parents will go out soon and Marie Kelly will be the liaison between groups, with the information received a report will be built and the next steps decided. Chartered advisory group and Local Planning will then communicate.</p> <p>NPS parents have been contacted and of the 50% returned questionnaires, there has generally been very positive feedback with regards to the shared campus. Natalie McMillan will attend a meeting very soon so will be able to feedback what the responses have been.</p>	
<p>6. SOS</p>	<p>There is £988 in the bank, a lot has been taken out for the Christmas Fayre but it will be recouped once the fayre in over and the Christmas fundraising activities have finished. P1 -P3 will make their own craft, P4-P7 will use enterprise or run games to earn money.</p>	
<p>7. AOCB</p>	<p>N McMillan will email a Parent Council Evaluation out, please complete it and send it back to her.</p> <p>Concerns have been raised about the number of</p>	

	<p>incidents of anti-social behaviour involving some NPS pupils. Paul O’Kane reported that there has been an increase in police patrol in the village recently so hopefully this will stop.</p> <p>Christmas Concerts Mr Bonner will speak to the SOS group if they need extra help at the Christmas Concerts. Previous years have seen the group acting as the runners between the infant door and the classrooms when parents want to pick pupils up before the end of the concert.</p> <p>Parking Parking continues to be an issue with a near miss for a child at the nursery gates when a Security van nearly reversed into pedestrians. This comes as a result of parents parking on the roads and at the bus stops. Paul O’Kane reported that Traffic Orders will come to Neilston in 2018.</p>	
8. Dates of next meeting	Tuesday 20 th February 2018, 6.30pm	