



## NETHERLEE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Netherlee Parent Council Meeting –25th September, 2019

<b>Present</b>	Debby Biddles	DB	Angie Brand	AB
	Lesley Cook	LC	Tennant Stevenson	TS
	Brian Cook	BC	Carole Chalmers	CC
	Jane Thomson	JT	Jane Thomson	JT
	Julie Carenduff	JC	Marie Owens	MO
	Yvonne Donaldson	YD	Fizza Kaneez	KF
	Lynn Sweeney	LS	Fiona Khan	FK
	Alison McCosh	AMc	Hannah Bayes	HB
	Alan Martin	AM	Cllr Ireland	AI
	Lisa Gold	LG		

**Apologies:** Cllr Miller, Chris Fawbert, Adam Capek, Beverley Eades, Felicity Rose,

### Minutes from AGM Wednesday 15th May 2019

#### **Actions from Previous Minutes**

- Finance - PC account closed and remaining funds moved to school account
- Structural Safety - around P2/3 entrance. perhaps grow plants to block access. No council funds currently to adapt this area
- Polling Stations - school will no longer be used as a polling station so will remain open as normal on Election days. Netherlee pavilion will now be Netherlee's polling station.

**Proposed:** AMcC

**Seconded:** CC

### **Roles: Parent Council and PTA**

DB explained the roles and handed out information sheet explaining the roles of each committee. She also circulated copies of the Netherlee Parent Council Constitution. These documents will be shared.

### **Objectives for 2019/20**

#### **MUGA Update**

DB updated the PC on the progress of the business plan for a proposed MUGA. Planning has been approved in principal. Now need plans and project proposal to be completed. DB has secured a company to help and advise with this.

A local father who is an architect will come to a future meeting and help to design the pitch. Aim to submit plans by end October and hope to have planning permission by the end of this year. If this goes through, there is the possibility of a grant from Sports Scotland and hopefully pull together a committee to apply to other local charities/funding bodies early 2020.

BC asked if the school and school community is 100% behind this and is the majority of the school behind this. YD explained about the benefit to the PE curriculum and physical health and wellbeing and physical wellbeing of the children. She explained the reason for the half pitch is so that we can retain some grassy area too. AB commented that it may be prudent to have a 2nd PC member involved so that there is not only one single point of contact/source of knowledge. DB explained that YD and a council member have attended all meetings so far but is happy to include others. TS asked if this is to be deemed a community space. DB explained that this is council land so school can use it in school hours and it would be used as a community space out with school hours and the Council will maintain it.

#### **Sensory Space**

This is a proposed fully resourced space for all children who require it. MO has worked up a proposal for this and hope that we can work with the PTA to help facilitate this. DB asked if anyone knew of any potential source of funds for this type of project. TS offered to look into this. EG suggested Barnardos, LG suggested the Whitelees Windfarm, JC suggested the Richmond trust, AB suggested the Children's lottery fund and AI offered to ask some of her contacts. We need a quote first then JC offered to pursue funding.

#### **Head Teacher's Report**

YD shared school and nursery priorities and Improvement Plans for the year. Focussed round the ER education department aims.

Full details of the Improvement Plan are available on the school website.

Broadly speaking there are 3 key priority headings:

- 1) Attaining - literacy focus
- 2) Achieving - every child has a voice; every child feels valued; every child explores; achievements celebrated
- 3) Excellent experiences - John Muir award; developing House system; prioritising positive behaviour; anti bullying policy to be reviewing

Pupil groups also link to the school improvement plan e.g health and physical activity in the playground - there is a plan by one of the pupil groups to lead 5-10 mins of activity in the playground towards the end of lunchtime.

ER Standardised test scores.- Strong scores last year Numeracy (school average 107) slightly ahead of Reading (school average 104) in last year tests. This follows a similar trend to last year. Detail available in the Standards and Quality Report which is on the School website.

YD suggested inclusion of discussion points in future meetings

### **How Linn Park is used for our children's learning?**

It is used for a huge variety of activities throughout the course of the year for all stages e.g Themed visits to the park: P1 do 'Seasons' topic, P3 work with the Wildlife trail, Upper school use the park for science work. Lots of Community learning activities take place in the park. Nursery children also use the park. The Eco committee do a lot of work in the park including the Wildlife trail with Ms Bell.

LS produced a document to illustrate how the park is used which will be shared.

### **Authorised and unauthorised absence**

All children are entitled to 190 days of education

An authorised absence is defined as any school organised activity eg school organised trip/ outing. This does not affect a child's % attendance figure.

Other absences will either be unauthorised (eg holidays during term time) or may, on occasion, also be authorised if the Head Teacher has **approved** the absence in principle (eg for a child to attend a music exam or a sporting competition) but where a child is not in school and the school has not organised the activity. Both of these types of absences will decrease the child's % attendance figure.

Medical appointments are not classed as absences if the child attends school before and after appointment.

**Date of next meeting Wednesday 27th November 2019 at 6.30 pm,  
Meeting Room**

Future meeting dates for 2019-20 session are:

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020

11<sup>th</sup> March 2020

27<sup>th</sup> May 2020



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