



NETHERLEE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Netherlee Parent Council Meeting –27th November, 2019

Present	Debby Biddles	DB		
	Adam Capek	AC		
	Marie Owen	MO		
	Kaneez Fizza	KF		
	Alan Martin	AM		
	Lynn Sweeney	LS		
	Julie Roberts	JR		
	Yvonne Donaldson	YD		
	Annette Ireland	AI		
	Felicity Rose	FR		

Apologies: Lesley Cook, Angie Brand, Julie Carenduff, Alison McCosh, Carole Chalmers, Chris Fawbert, Brian Cook

Minutes from Wednesday 25th September 2019

Actions from Previous Minutes

No Actions

Proposed: TS
Seconded: KF

Sensory Garden update

Julie Carenduff is continuing with her support and has made initial enquiries about funding. She will have more capacity to look into this from January 2020
AI highlighted that Carolside Primary doing a similar project. May be worthwhile contacting. Core focus for them. Advanced with costings.

MUGA Update

- 1) Planning - application is ready for submission. Owner will be Education Department.
- 2) Communication - letter to go out to parent/ carer body to uncover if there is a need for this facility. Question will be along the lines of: 'Do you think that changing half the grass pitch to an all weather Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) could enhance our children's physical and mental wellbeing at Netherlee Primary School ?'. First draft document will be amended with suggested recommendations to be submitted to YD for approval.
- 3) Funding - Funding required will be in the region of £300,000. Funders offering larger grants are currently being identified and approached.
- 4) Project Management - ERC to assign Project Management supplier

Head Teacher's Report

Accredited for Gold award UNICEF Rights Respecting - achieved with flying colours. School was claimed to be outstanding in certain areas. Full report to be published.

One area to work on is to be reaccredited with Gold next year. School has to show that expertise and knowledge is shared with others. Looking at re-strengthening links with schools abroad. One of the challenges is the time differences working with technology to support using tools like WhatsApp and videos that can be accessed.

PTA donated money for new outdoor play equipment.

P1 - smaller hoops, bean bags

P2 - 5 skipping ropes, hoops etc and storage boxes.

P6 - 7 - big skipping ropes

Physicality of children outside is greater

Activity trail installed with each stage timetabled - jointly funded by school and PTA

With gardens, Mrs Walker's company has done much work to clear larger garden and she arranged for Mackenzie construction who will clear smaller garden and put down soil to allow it to be developed and used. Hoping that Quiet Garden can be worked on at the same time.

Mr Bryce looking to resources for Science Garden.

Parent team going to maintain the larger garden.

Teachers are working on their development through a lesson study model which is new to Netherlee which originated in Japan. East Renfrewshire has embraced as self reflection model for teachers. Currently all 4 P3 teachers observe each others teaching, observe children's responses and speak to the children. At the end of the day, 4 teachers look at feedback from children and modify lessons as a result of the feedback. Revised lesson taken the next day and reviewed, with any changes made. This process is replicated. Aim is to improve quality of teaching at each stage.

P7, P1 and nursery teachers are going to do something similar across Williamwood Cluster.

Initial feedback from the teachers is very positive.

Nuffield Health offers a free school wellbeing activity programme. This 6 week programme has been rolled out to P7. It has included topics such as health, hydration, sleep, sleep hygiene, screen time, emotional well being and physical activity. Feedback has been very positive from children.

All children and staff said they would like to continue the programme into next year.

Chief Executive, ERC, Lorraine McMillan visited the school. Attended assembly, toured school, met staff and pupils. She left Netherlee Primary stating that Netherlee is a very successful school with a very caring ethos.

Concerns have been raised that Netherlee Primary has a novo-virus outbreak. Netherlee Primary **does not have a novo-virus outbreak**. There are fairly high levels of illness as expected at this time of year but through detailed analysis not connected to novo-virus. Illness of children are in line with colds, sniffles and coughs and not flu either.

Concerns have been raised that there is no soap in the toilets. The school has had a focus on hand washing over the past 2 weeks. As a result more hand soap is being used. Toilets are being checked that soap dispensers are full of soap every day. If there are continued concerns please contact the office.

YD introduced Coffee and Chat drop ins this session, to date there has been one. The purpose of these sessions are to allow parents and carers to pop into the school to discuss any issues or concerns. It is informal in nature with the Leadership Team attending. Tea and coffee provided. Next one is 10th December at 9.15 pm. Parent Council was requested by HT to spread the word about these opportunities and to direct any parents who have concerns or questions etc to come along.

P5 hosting Senior Citizens coffee morning on Friday 29th November. P5s serve tea, raffle, dancing and singing. Feedback from last year's event was extremely positive from the local senior residents.

AOB

FR highlighted the wait between second bell and teachers appearing can seem long. Parents have raised concerns. YD going to look into. YD requested that if there any particular classes to share with her.

AC keen to understand what the process is for musical instrument selection. YD requested AC email to raise this and she will approach Donald Finlayson or a representative to invite him to our next meeting to clarify the process.

**Date of next meeting Wednesday 22nd January 2020 at 6.30 pm,
Meeting Room**

Future meeting dates for 2020 session are:

11th March 2020

27th May 2020



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