**MINUTES**

Parent Council Meeting

Thursday 1st February 2024

Present - Victoria Bell, Claire Keith, Councillor Carol Lindsay, Claire Haddow, Kelly Meldrum & Laura Ewing

Apologies – Claire Jones, Kelly Hodgson, Michelle Richardson & Vicki Burns

Parent Council Business

* Next Event is Friday 1st March which is Prize Bingo
* Parking is still an issue people parking on kerbs – was in newsletter
* Dogs still in lower school and are near classroom door – was in newsletter

Numeracy and Fair Isle being a ‘Research School’ – Miss Keith

* Throughout Fair Isle we teach using a conceptual approach in numeracy.
* There is a vast amount of research evidence to show that conceptual methods in numeracy help learners’ retention, which is an area identified for improvement across our school. Conceptual strategies help to strengthen comprehension rather than memorisation, which helps aid understanding of more complex problems in later stages of the curriculum.
* Helps with maths anxiety makes maths virtual, using materials helps and seems more fun
* Good sites to use if children want to practice at home is
  + Timetable Rockstar
  + Top Marks
  + Sum Dog

Update on the Area

* Carol asked what we would like to know for future meetings?
  + Youth Clubs for all ages
  + Linton Lane used to have a girl only club, is this still on?
  + Collate information on what is on in the area for kids
* Playpark Strategy this will be long term looking at the state and safety of parks. Jean Armour Garden’s Park is going. St Kilda playpark is a definite, we need to look at designs and where exactly it would go
* Templehall Community Hub which should be all done and opening in 2026. The community centre, rent office and library will be going and all getting relocated to the community hub which will be next to the new nursery
* Council buying Templehall Church
* There is a housing crisis with up to 70 families needing larger houses, 4 plus bedrooms. Houses will be getting built where the community centre, church and library is within the next 5 years
* Dunnikier Country Park there is a group set up and the old park has been removed and a new park will be getting built in the summer will more to come

School Attainment Tracker

* Fair Isle have been involved in creating and piloting a new attainment tracker for Fife, now we will be reporting on all 8 curricular areas. It is going well. This information will all be included within a revised school report card.

Learning Partnership Feedback

* There was a Team consisting of Education Manager, Headteachers and Quality Improvement Officers who went to all classes and observed. Education Manager observed in P1 and took focus groups of children from P5 & P7. Various Headteachers observed from P2 to P7 and took a focus group of pupils to discuss achievement. Improvement Officers met with Mrs Bell, Miss Duncan and Mr Hutcheson to look at attainment over time and how we have tracked data over the past 5 years, how we track achievement and how we promote equity. One also met with a group of parents. Everyone then gets together and shares findings, which were in the recent newsletter.
* All went very well and we got good feedback
* We are linked with Parkhill PS, Leven, Fair Isle/Appin Nursery, Gallatown Nursery

Date of Next Meeting

To Be Confirmed