Torbain Primary School – Parent Council Meeting

# Minute of meeting

**Date:**  29.1.24

**Present at meeting**

Alison Major – Chairperson

Louise Yuile – Acting Headteacher/DHT

Fiona Ward – Raising Attainment Teacher

Nicola Ness – Support for Learning Teacher

Johanna Kirk – Support for Learning Teacher

Alicia Blackwood – Parent

Claire Dingwall – Parent

Emma Gilfillan – Parent

Fiona Bushnell – Administrative Assistant (Minute Taker)

Kerry Parter – Parent (online)

Joanne Dewar – Parent (online)

Joanna Houston – DHT / Parent (online)

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Report of meeting:**

Minutes of last meeting circulated and discussed – Travelling by Tuba update – only 3 September dates available and this will be looked into and a visit booked.

**Fundraising Committee update:**

Good turnout for the Bingo night in December and it was hoped to have another Bingo evening in Term 4 which would be ticketed.

**Parent Partnership / Family Engagement Update:**

Sharing the Learning sessions have been successful so far and good feedback from parents. Community Cafes are a good way of allowing parents to come into school and allows the children to showcase their pupil voice groups.

Joanna Houston advised the Family Learning Club has been well attended and well received. There will be further P1 Family Learning sessions this term. Reading Engagement Sessions have supported our improvement priority and were linked with our Shared Finish to encourage attendance. Nursery engagement sessions – PEEP and Book-bug - have also recorded higher attendance. Mrs Houston is in discussion with parents / Alicia to plan for more informal coffee group sessions.

Safer Internet Day will take place on Tuesday 6th Feb and will be run by the Digital Leaders (Torbain Techies) and will run into a Shared Finish for P3 to P7 parents.

It was proposed that having more informal sessions such as coffee mornings could encourage more parents to attend events in the main building for older children.

Fiona Ward and Nicola Ness shared details of how they are developing Wakelets – a digital information platform which is currently being pulled together before trialling and launching to parents. This is an online platform which staff have pulled together links to then signposts parents to different areas such as Autism, Dyslexia, Reading etc. Kerry Parter advised she would be happy to trial this.

Further opportunities for sharing potential supports with parents would be considered for Parents’ Evenings in March. Fiona Ward would contact Fife Young Carers / Welfare; Joanne Dewar would contact Gingerbread / Nourish and Barnardos with a view to them having an information table on one or both of the evenings. Joanna Houston would contact Incredible Years. It was also suggested that Foodbank and Home Start could be possible stall holders.

**Headteacher update:**

Louise Yuile shared the process and feedback from our recent Learning Partnership. There were lots of positives - Louise shared some of the key strengths and next steps from visit on Monday 15th January. This will be shared further in the next newsletter.

**Any other business:**

Alison Major asked about a potential sensory room following the parent group which led to a discussion around our current Nurture/Sensory/Breakout spaces. Mrs Ward and Mrs Houston shared how the school already have spaces that have been developed in Base 3 and also The Bee Hive Room in the Infant Building. This information could be shared with parents. Louise Yuile suggested we could share photos and video footage at the next Parent Council meeting - perhaps the spaces could be made available at the next Parents’ Evenings. Louise Yuile advised that the school is awaiting accreditation for the How Nurturing is our School Award and that these nurture spaces support the development work towards this award.

The meeting was closed, thanking those in attendance and those online for the first time which worked well.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 29th April at 4.30pm to include an online link for parents to join from home.