

Minutes of Meeting 3rd September 2024

Minutes of Riverbank Primary and Nursey Class (PNC) Parent Council meeting held on Monday 4th September 2023 at 1815 in Riverbank Community Hub. This was a hybrid meeting.

1. Attendees

Billy Barclay (Chairperson), Julie Bradley (Secretary), Diane Davidson (Treasurer), Nicola Nisbet (Communication Officer), Shabana Akhtar, Alison Cowan and Anthony Hynes

Helen Paterson (Head Teacher), Roberta McAvoy (DHT) and Karen Johnston (PT).

Rebecca Robson and Stacey Kelly attended as observers with a view to joining the Parent Council.

No apologies were received.

2. PC Members

Sadly, since our last meeting, Tracey Galloway the Vice Chair passed away suddenly at the end of May. Billy paid tribute to Tracey and her contribution to the Parent Councils at both Sikeside PS and Riverbank PSNC. We paused for a moment of reflection. Flowers were sent by Nicola on behalf of the PC.

Lisa Smith (Treasurer) has left the Parent Council as she no longer has children attending the school. Lisa contributed many years to the PC and organised many events raising a vast amount of money in the process. Lisa will be missed by all and we thank her for her enormous contribution over the years.

Phillip Di Nardo, Yvonne Dempsie, Lorraine Blair and Jean Innes have decided to step down from the Parent Council. Billy thanks them all for their contributions and support during their time on the PC.

Several attempts have been made to engage with members Amanda Galloway and Pamela Lammey. It has been over a year since they attended a meeting and attempts to ascertain if they would like to remain on the PC have been unsuccessful. Following a discussion, it was decided to remove both members to allow members of the parent forum the opportunity to join.

The PC currently has 7 members and have used social media to advertise vacancies. Three members of the parent forum replied and sent a note of interest.

The constitution will be reviewed regarding the total number of members. As discussed at previous meetings, this would be reviewed following the merger of both Parent Councils following the opening of Riverbank PSNC last year.

3. Treasurers Report

Current balance £2176.16.

Lisa has been removed from the account and Billy added.

Agreement by all to purchase a second clothes rail for the school to facilitate a Halloween and Christmas jumper swap shop.

4. Head Teachers Report

Staffing is at 19.27 based on predicted roll in June. The roll has increased to 347 in the school and 88 in the nursery. 56 is the capacity in the nursery at any one time and this is used for our overall roll which is currently- 403

We have welcomed Mrs Roberta McAvoy, DHT from St. Mary's PS, who was part of the compulsory transfer due to the management restructure which took place in June.

We have 3 members of management now and remits have increased as a result.

For 2024/25, the Department Leads are:

- Nursery and Primary 1 and Primary 2/1: Mrs Roberta McAvoy (Depute Head Teacher)
- Primary 2- Primary 4: Mrs Karen Johnston (Principal Teacher)
- Primary 5- Primary 7: Mrs Helen Paterson (Head Teacher)

In the nursery we have welcome 3 new members to the team, again as part of a restructure. Angie Armstrong- Key Worker, Morgan Harper- Support worker and Ashlee Reid – support worker.

Changes to the start dates for children who now start on a termly basis.

We have also welcomed Miss Sophie Hanlon, Probationer Teacher in P2H, supported by Miss Williams.

Whole School Events:

Monday 2nd September 2024- Homework Issued

Wednesday 7th September 2024- Open Hour- more information to follow

Friday 20th September 2024- Class Termly Newsletters Issued

Friday 27th September 2024- September Weekend (School closed)

Monday 30th September 2024- September Weekend (School closed)

Friday 4th October 2024: Interim Reports Issued

Monday 7th October 2024- Parent Council (6.15pm-7.15pm)

Friday 11th October 2024- Primary 4/3 Assembly- Parents Welcome at 9.30am in the hall

Monday 14th October 2024 - Friday 18th October 2024: October Week Holiday (School closed)

Thursday 24th October 2024- Parent Council Halloween Disco

Monday 4th November 2024: Parent Council (6.15pm- 7.15pm)

Monday 18th November 2024: In-service Day 3 (School closed to pupils)

Thursday 21st November 2024: Parent Teacher Consultations (3pm-9pm)

Primary 7 CLD Natural Leaders Project and P7 Band Project

School Elections

P6 Chicken Project

P6 Strathclyde Park Visit- 27/1/25-31/1/25- information issued shortly.

Looking at options for Residential Trip for P7. Lockerbie Manor no longer an option at the current time due changes at NLC level.

Whole school pantomime booked for December- Ravenscraig. Would the PC be able to help with cost of buses

School Improvement Priorities

As discussed last session, our PEF fund £60, 010 has been spent on staffing- 0.5 match funded and this has enabled to have an additional class and Miss Williams out of class supporting children's learning.

- Priority 1- Numeracy Attainment
- Priority 2- HWB- meeting needs of children during period of transition- measures/ impact-nurturing schools and classroom. Focus on neurodivergent children.
- Priority 3- Literacy Attainment- whole staff training from the Literacy Base to ensure consistency and continuity.

Riverbank Primary School and Nursery Class

- Uniform bank/ Pre-Loved rail- winter jackets, Halloween bank and Christmas jumper swap- help to organise this from parent council. Stall at Parent's Evening.

5. Halloween Disco

Halloween disco will take place on Thursday 24th October in Riverbank School. Tickets will be £3 or £5 for a family ticket. P1-3 1830-1930 and P4-7 2000-2100. Storage crates to be purchased to store water bottles brought by children to the disco.

6. Christmas Fayre

Christmas Fayre planned for Saturday 30th Nov 1000-1300. Information regarding event added to social media pages. 13 responses so far interested in a stall.

Mrs Paterson will contact Santa to arrange for him to visit the Grotto.

7. Any Other Business

Parent Council requested a noticeboard for the school reception area. The school building remains with the contractors at present but this can be arranged when the handover is complete.

Parking concerns ongoing. Double parking in the school car park makes this a dangerous area for children as well as impacting the access of emergency services if required. This is particularly bad on days when the weather is poor. The junction at Carnbroe Road and Bellvue Way is also noted to be very congested at pick up time. Children are having to cross between parked cars due the number of vehicles parked there. It had been discussed at a planning meeting with NLC that traffic lights would be installed at this junction to facilitate the safe crossing of children. JB will email local councillors regarding parking concerns.

**Date of next meeting Monday 7th October at 1815 in Riverbank
Community Hub**