

Minutes of Meeting 7th October 2024

Minutes of Riverbank Primary and Nursey Class (PNC) Parent Council meeting held on Monday 7th October 2024 at 1815 in Riverbank Community Hub.

1. Attendees

Billy Barclay (Chairperson), Julie Bradley (Secretary), Diane Davidson (Treasurer), Nicola Nisbet (Communication Officer), Alison Cowan, Anthony Hynes, Rebecca Robson and Stacey Kelly.

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

Apologies were received from Shabana Akhtar

2. Minutes from 2nd September

Agreed and accepted by all

3. Actions from previous meeting

Email sent to local councillors regarding parking concerns in and around the school. Awaiting replies at time of meeting.

Clothes rail purchased for reception area for Christmas jumper swap shop.

4. Treasurers Report

Current balance £2396.17.

Income from deposits for stalls for the Christmas Fair. Outgoings-clothes rail £39.99

Request from Mrs McAvoy for donation towards nursery Christmas treat. Offer to help with ongoing costs of chicken project.

5. Head Teachers Report

Staffing

Actual staffing confirmed as 19.56FTE. The roll has increased to 348 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- 404. We have two children starting in the next month within the school.

Principal Teacher Update

Heather Fraser will begin her phased retirement and will be dropping two days after October break. Mrs Gemma Leggat within the school will be picking up these days and will cover P4/3 on a Monday from after the October break. This information will be communicated to parents and carers this week before the break.

Open Event- took place on Wednesday 11th September and feedback was issued to parents following this. Lots of positive comments and some suggestions for improvements which we have addressed.

Whole School Events:

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 – tickets on sale from Class Teachers

Friday 1st November 2024-P4H Class Assembly- 9.30am start for parents and carers

Friday 8th November 2024- P3/2 Class Assembly- 9.30am start for parents and carers

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

Monday 11th November 2024- Snapshot jotters home

Monday 11th November 2024- Rights Respecting Fortnight

Wednesday 13th November 2024- Odd Sock Day for Anti-Bullying Week- Chose Respect

Friday 15th November 2024- P4C Class Assembly- 9.30am start for parents and carers

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

Wednesday 20th November 2024- World Children's Day

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

Friday 29th November 2024- P6C Class Assembly- 9.30am start for parents and carers

Saturday 30th November 2024- Christmas Fayre

Friday 6th December 2024- Christmas Lunch Day

Friday 6th December 2024- Christmas Jumper Day- pay £1 for Coatbridge Foodbank Donation

Friday 6th December 2024- P5SM - Class Assembly- 9.30am start for parents and carers

Monday 9th December and Tuesday 10th December 2024- P1-3 Christmas Concert 1.30pm start

Wednesday 11th December 2024- Whole School Pantomime Visit at Ravenscraig

Thursday 12th December 2024- Primary 7 Christmas Fun Day and Party

Friday 13th December 2024- Primary 5 and Primary 6 Christmas Fun Day and Party

Monday 16th December 2024- Primary 3 and Primary 4 Christmas Fun Day and Party

Tuesday 17th December 2024- Primary 1 and Primary 2 Christmas Fun Day and Party

Thursday 19th December 2024- Christmas Service 9.30am

Friday 20th December 2024- School and Nursery close 2.30pm

Primary 7 CLD Natural Leaders Project and P7 Band Project

School Elections have taken place- P7 children are in positions

Rights Respecting Ambassadors in place

P6 Chicken Project- chickens hatched and the coop is being installed during the October break

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

Primary 7 residential trip will take place 27-29/1/25 Abernethy Trust at Barcaple in Kirkcudbright. Information has been issued to parents and an information evening will be held at the start of November.

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

Next term – school committees start- all children will be part of an improvements committee and working with another class.

Primary 6 Forest Skills group working with the nursery children as part of ongoing transition work

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- focus this session on Financial Education
- Priority 2- HWB- meeting needs of children during period of transition- measures/ impact- nurturing schools and classroom. Focus on neurodivergent children- November inservice input on GIRFME planning and SMART targets
- Priority 3- Literacy Attainment- whole staff training from the Literacy Base to ensure consistency and continuity. Handwriting and Grammar Programmes
- Working parties improvement work will start after the October break

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· Uniform bank/ Pre Loved rail- winter jackets- information in the October Newsletter going out this week, Halloween bank- P4 classes organising this as part of their enterprise and Christmas jumper swap- help to organise this from parent council. Stall at Parent's Evening.

October newsletter will go out this week and will have provisional dates for Christmas so parents can be organised.

6. Disco 24th October 2024

DJ confirmed for disco and money can be given to class teachers for disco attendance. Crates to be purchased for water bottles. Decision made to provide juice and crisps or a sweet due to increase cost of these items. Volunteers to help at the disco to be requested using social media channels.

7. Christmas Fair

Some stall holders still to confirm attendance and transfer deposits. Good variety at present including Scentsy, baking stalls, personalised gifts and hand knitting. Donations to be requested from parent forum for raffle, tombola and pre loved toy stalls as well as local businesses for raffle prizes. Banner to be purchased to advertise Christmas Fair to local community.

8. Any other business

Graffiti around school grounds recently and damage to pitches. Pitches have not been getting maintained by council as recommended.

Discussion regarding suitability for an AED for use by the local community as required due to building being a community hub. Kieran McDade Foundation suggested due to pitches being used by local football clubs for training and matches.

Date and time of next meeting Monday 4th November at 1815