**Shotts Family Learning Centre**

Minutes - Parent.com/Groundforce

Friday 16th January 2015

Parents in attendance: Lynn Hill, Suzanne Penman, Lindsay Morrison, Kirsteen Boyd, Alana Marshall & Linda Bryson

Staff: Jackie Fulton, Depute Head of centre

**Parent.com**

Jackie welcomed parents and thanked them for attending.

PLP’s – Jackie shared with parents that the Personal Learning Plan sessions for our new children will be taking place next month and six month reviews for returning children will be carried out soon after.

Learning Context & Prior Learning – January’s learning context which is Scotland Past & Present wash shared. Jackie discussed the variety of learning experiences on offer for the children as well as planned visits from Rosehall Care Home and Calderhead High School pupils playing the bagpipes and drums as well as a Scottish Dancer. A visit has also been arranged to Summerlee Heritage Centre where children will take park in a “Wash Day” workshop. Kirsteen and Alana said they were amazed at the different opportunities their children receive while coming to nursery. Jackie shared with parents this months Prior Learning sheet asking them to return it to their child’s keyworker. Jackie said this helps to identify what the children already know about the learning context as well as identifying children’s interests. Jackie reinforced that parents are at the heart of their children’s learning at Shotts Family Learning Centre. Parents said they liked the ideas section on how to support this learning at home. Jackie shared that their had been little response in the return of prior learning sheets.

**Groundforce**

Jackie shared that she had received a phone call from Shotts Prison in regards to the large climbing equipment for the children. The phone call was to inform us that the climbing frame was ready for uplift and costing £580 plus VAT. Jackie informed the prison that the nursery/committee had not authorised the construction of the climbing frame as no consultations had taken place on costing’s etc. Jackie distributed photos of the climbing frame. Concerns were raised by Jackie and parents on its lack of aesthetic appeal and size. Jackie informed parents that she had spoken with the Prison about the lack of consultation during this process. During this visit to the prison it was agreed that they would visit the nursery to measure the area and then consult with us regarding price and how the final item would look. It was agreed that Jackie would contact the prison to share these concerns. It was also agreed that she would share the group’s thoughts with staff.

Lindsay informed us that the Sky Dive has still not taken place due to the weather. Hopefully it will take place sometime in the spring. She will keep up informed.

Lindsay suggested a Fundraising Event could take place to raise more funds. Suggestions were made such as Bingo and Race Night. It was agreed that a Race Night would be the most fruitful. Parents were going to source out venues and DJ’s and would feedback at next meeting. Suzanne suggested football cards could be used in the meantime to raise funds. Jackie said she would share this with the Head of Centre and the whole staff team.

It was identified that we would get together over the next few weeks to identify a time when we could come together to look at different funding streams.

Jackie thanked everyone for their attendance.

D.O.N.M Thursday 5th March at 8.50 am & 1.10 pm.