

Bushes Primary Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 1st February 2022

Attendees:

Craig McCrorie	Alison Warnock		
Alison Simpson	Lynn Paterson		
Clair Watson	Mrs McConnell		
Kathryn McGowan			

Agenda:

- * Playground update
- * Easter Fundraising
- * School updates

Playground update

- Meeting held with Scotplay representative on site on Thursday 20th January.
- Discussed extending playarea to side to allow more equipment to be put in.
- Maximum width is 19m between lamppost and drain, but unlikely to go that wide.
- Could potentially use wetpour taken from current ground surface to backfill the new area as we are not going as far back into the hill.
- Playgrass could be used as equipment is not going to be as high, so doesn't need to go as far into the ground as well, but will still need a impact pad under the equipment itself.
- Current lead time for work to commence is 14 – 16 weeks, does not need to be outwith school term though as area can be cordoned off
- Estimated 2 weeks to do work,
- Since meeting suggestions have been sent on in email for prices to be supplied for several pieces of kit – we would like to install a combination that will give the children more to play on: small playframe, log climber cabin, log climber, tunnel net and swing bars.
- Further mail to be sent to query potential to use the modular equipment, so we could spec our own sections as a single piece of kit rather than different **ACTION**
- Waiting for costs to be supplied from Scotplay on this.

Easter Fund raising

- CM confirmed we will not be able to get into the school for any Easter activities.
- Agreed to do Easter raffle as have done last few years.
- Alison to check if are still two baskets available in main store **ACTION**
- Parent Council to discuss and confirm dates for raffle to CM so can advise office staff to have the Parent Pay setups ready in **ACTION**
- Suggesting 2 weeks from 14th to 25th March so is completed before end of term on Fri 1st April
- PC to buy items for the raffle, largely chocolate, eggs etc.
- School will be doing egg decorating competition as well, not for money.

P6 / 7 Residential

- LP advised that is looking to ask PC for donations to help pay for the buses for the trips
- A fundraising cake sale usually helps pay but due to restrictions are asking PC to contribute
- P6 cost is £750 and P7 is £650 for transport
- PC to look at what we can offer to help **ACTION**
- LP confirmed that that school contacts all families who decline to attend, to discuss reasons for this and to see if school can help eg covering costs.
- Are grants available to help families who need it, and in past school have also paid as needed to ensure people don't miss out due to money
- On way there school stop at Chatelherault Country park to break up journey.

Updates from school

Music Lessons

- AW advised that P7 are to be offered, due to restrictions not looking to open up to P6 unless things change there.

Toilets

- Progress being made, waiting for custom made urinals to complete first boys toilets and girls toilets work is progressing well – pictures shared on seesaw.
- No electric hand dryers as this is often a false economy as need to pay for maintenance.
- Pupil council raised money to pay for electric hand dryers some years ago – the money is still ringfenced in the school account so Pupil council will be approached to discuss what they want to spend the money on instead.

School Restrictions

- Hoping that by end of term will be more relaxing and may be able to have an end of term disco
- School sports day will go ahead, again the restrictions will determine how this will look

ACTIONS:

1	Playframe	Alison	Mail to be sent requesting Scotplay consider if modular solution would this be cheaper than individual elements.
2	Easter fundraising	Alison	Alison to check if are still 2 baskets in cupboard that can be used for easter hampers.
3	Easter fundraising	PC	PC to communicate dates to CM for the Easter raffle so office can have this set up on time.
4	P6 / 7 residential	PC	School asking PC to contribute towards the buses that are taking children to and from the residential trips

Next Meeting Dates:

Parent Council – Tue 1st March 2022