

Bushes Primary Parent Council

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 26th April 2022

Attendees:

Craig McCrorie	Alison Simpson		
Alison Warnock	Nicola West		
Clair Watson			
Kathryn McGowan			

Agenda:

- * Playground update
- * Foleys Rest
- * Parking at School
- * Covid restrictions
- * Fundraising
- * After school activities
- * Chaplaincy
- * AOB

Playground update

- Scotplay considering two combinations of kit for quotation
 - o Mini Playframe, tunnel net , swing bars
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- Scotplay have said that they have had supplier issues relating to the ground surface installation after a recent installation was not done to a high enough standard
- They cannot supply a quotation until the supplier issues are resolved.
- Due to lead time discussions there is a risk now that this will not be done in summer break.
- School has been contacted by parents and counsellors to explain whats being done,
- **ACTION** - KM to provide a note that can go out on seesaw to update forum with this.

Drainage issues

- Contractor started work on this unexpectedly before Easter break at front of school – were asked to leave and return in Easter break but so far have not done so.
- CM waiting on new date when work will commence, will share when has this. **ACTION**

Foleys rest

- CM looking into a plaque for the passing of John Foley and Sandra the dinner lady. **ACTION**

- Playbark is going to be put down this term, including a weed membrane to hopefully shore up the surface and extend the life of the bark.

Easter Raffle

- £571 raised from Easter raffle this year – takes money in for all 3 raffles to £1861.
- With the 5K from sponsored walk and the £10k from Sanctuary available for playground is £18,595

Parking at School

- ST raised point that parking at school is becoming very difficult and dangerous for pedestrians, especially obvious now the start times have been consolidated.
- Could Buses take part in the safer schools initiative that was being piloted in Renfrewshire, or could we look into implementing a one way system around the school at start and end times of the day?
- CM advised that the Safer Schools pilot was due to run but has not been any more news on progress or extension of this.
- Counsellors would need to be approached about changing the designation of the roads to be one way, this would not be a school point as it would impact the wider community.

School restrictions

- CM advised they are easing but still to be cautious.
- Parents are allowed to attend school to meet with staff but is on an individual basis.
- View is that an open day with families of 400 children would be too much at once, potentially something for next year.
- Sports day is due to take place after Lockerbie trip, and parents will be allowed to attend in playground to watch and masks optional.
- P7 will not be doing a show, but will have leavers events planned including something for them to mark the end of term with the families invited to attend.

Fund raising

- School disco is unlikely to go ahead this term, will be better to plan for next year.
- Need to consider getting enough PC members to help run the disco, would need to request volunteers from parent forum.
- CM suggested making first disco free to attend in light of the cost of living crisis and to give something back to school.
- Need to consider that we have not been able to spend much money visibly on the school this year - although donations to P7 leavers, Christmas parties and Panto and P6 / P7 school trips these are not high visibility points considering the fundraising drive for we did to try and move the playground development forward.

Car Boot Sale

- NW suggested Car Boot sale in school car park, AW said has been done in past.
- NW explained charge for pitches, collect in advance and is first come first served to line up on hill and are directed to a pitch in back playground.
- **ACTION** CM will check with council are no restrictions we need to be aware of.
- Need to consider having enough people to manage on the day, directing cars etc
- **ACTION** CM to look at getting school let as we may need to open school for toilet facilities and this will need to be monitored.
- Could also look at food vendor / snack van that will offer a cut of profits as long as they have insurance and hygiene certification.
- Any home baking on sale from cars need to have ingredients listed for allergy purposes.
- June dates be better than May, to allow time for planning and arrangements to be made.
- Group discussed, Saturday mornings maybe best
 - o **ACTION** PC to discuss further and send in potential dates and planning details.

After School Activities

- More funding is available from Active Schools which will hopefully allow class groups to have an extra session before end of term.
- Football Mr Ramsay is hoping to run a tournament possibly for P7's but next year will hopefully start the usual school programme with P6 and P7
- Music instrument will remain P7 for this year, waiting to see if this will open up next year.
- Netball will also hopefully start next year.

Chaplaincy

- AS raised that Gideons are chaplains for many schools in the area, asked if Bushes has a chaplaincy?
- Have been a number of church changes in Paisley in recent years.
- CM advised that Moss Park church minister used to come but is usually up to school to approach a new minister to take on the role.

AOB

1. CM – P1 inductions on 10th and 11th of May. PC to attend to talk about work done and encourage participation for next year.
2. CM – PC meeting is there scope to change the meeting to be a Monday as Tuesdays can be logistically difficult due to family commitments. Monday night would allow for use of full school as is no let in hall at that time.
3. CM – last meeting of term is start of June, will be on ZOOM and look to move back to in person meetings in 2022-23 school year.