

Inchinnan Parent Council

Minutes of virtual meeting

Monday 8th March 2021



Attendance:

Nicola McGlynn, Julie Hunter, Louise Hamill, John Johnston, Lynne Black, Tracey Boyle, Claire Dickson, Colleen Hayes, Celia MacLean, Laura McKenzie, Mandy Robertson, Stephen Russell, Fiona Walker, Kevin Ward,
Apologies: Lisa Arnott, Gail Ward.

Welcome

Parent Council update:

- Current balance £2853.28. Still a few numbers remaining for bonus ball.
- Parent Council approved the purchase of the storage container from Inchinnan Community nursery for £200. Site still to be prepared but Mrs McGlynn has spoken with GGC to see if they will prepare the ground, cost is as yet unknown or if it will be a goodwill gesture.
- The PC has contacted Cllr Nicholson regarding the lack of a crossing patrol.

Building works update

- Nursery has to officially handover on the 5th April.
- The site will be cleared before the return of pupils after the spring break.
- Still hopeful of a handover of the new gym hall before the session 21-22.
- The contractors GGC have a let for the football pitch carpark, parents should be encouraged to use the church or community centre where appropriate and required.

Outdoor Learning resource.

- Discussion into the benefits of the out to play Drama input.

Out to Play involves a Drama Artist collaborating with a school on 2 days each week for 5 weeks, delivering imaginative, arts-based outdoor learning sessions that utilise **Drama and Storytelling** and bring **Learning for Sustainability** to life. The project nurtures children's confidence, creativity, health and wellbeing, as well as developing literacy, social skills and ultimately, a deeper connection to the natural world. The project has a strong **teacher CPD element**, with 2 twilight sessions built in for staff throughout the 5 weeks, plus teacher-led sessions in the final week, when participating teachers design and deliver their own imaginative, arts-based outdoor learning session.

Further information about Out to Play can be found [here](#), plus a short [documentary](#) with teacher testimonials and a recent project [report](#). [see our Twitter page for the latest on Out to Play in Glasgow](#)

- It was felt by the majority of the PC that funding this was a huge expense and whilst we could see the benefits we were unsure how sustainable it was. The school required funding for at least £1500 to support it. It was agreed to shelf this idea for just now. This was due to the only money being raised just now was through the bonus ball.

HT update

- The school has purchased 12 new ipads to replace the ones being decommissioned, as they felt this was an invaluable resource that could not be lost.
- The p1-3 are delighted to be back and looking forward to the return of p4-7.
- Pupils will work on the scent works programme.
- Let is confirmed for the church for PE when we go into level 3.
- A new classroom assistant has been appointed for Mrs Johnstone's post and also a lunchtime supervisor.
- May in-service day has been changed from Tuesday 4th May to Thursday 6th May due to the elections though the church will be used for the polling station instead of the school.
- The school are awaiting delivery of the p7 hoodies and p1 ties that the Parent Council are purchasing.
- The current improvement plan is being reviewed- to be discussed at next PC meeting.
- Environmental and infrastructure- 2 posts will be allocated to the school, this will include previous janitorial, cleaning and kitchen duties.
- PEF (Pupil Equity Funding) allocated to the school from the Sept census is £7719, this will be used to fund additional classroom assistant hours.
- 14 pupils registered for p1 for session 21-22 though this does not included placing requests.

AOCB

- CH asked about p7 transition visits- these should still go ahead, provisional dates of 10th and 11th of June.
- The PC contacting Cllr Nicholson regarding the possibility of composite classes, we strongly object on the basis of the Health and Wellbeing of pupils. Changing classes, friendship groups, increased class sizes for some will have a huge impact on pupils' mental health. We will continue to object to this on these grounds especially as the government have stated that additional funding would be invested in education to recover from lockdowns.

Next Meeting

- The next PC meeting will be Monday 26th April at 6pm via Teams.