

Inchinnan Parent Council

Minutes of virtual meeting

Monday 10 June 2021



Attendance

IPS – Nicola McGlynn, Julie Hunter

PC – Fiona Walker, Stephen Russell, Kevin Ward, Lynne Black, Lisa Arnott, May Jones

Apologies - none

Welcome

KW welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Review of previous minutes

NMcG – there is an error in the minutes of the previous meeting on 26 April 2021.

Head Teacher Update – closing the attainment gap. It reads ‘After returning from blended learning’. This should read ‘After returning from **remote** learning’.

Updates / actions from previous meeting

NMcG confirmed further documents on behavioural policy are now on the school website.

Treasurer report (SR)

Current balance – £2,972.23

Lottery currently the only income and a couple of numbers still left.

New P1 parents may want to join.

Connect membership – Renfrewshire Council have offered to pay the annual fee.

NMcG queried the annual insurance. Cover and FW confirmed the Connect fee covers membership and insurance.

Parent Council Update

PC asked if they could refresh the paintwork on the picnic benches and planters in the playground. A number of parents volunteered to help last year which was successful. School happy for this to go ahead.

Almost all the new ties for the P7s have been purchased and these will be handed in to the school.

PC Constitution – Powerpoint shown on current contents that are outdated and agreement made that this needs attention and re-wording. Working to be carried out to re-word this and produce a leaflet with the main aims, objectives and contact details for those involved.

Action – PC to organise parents to assist over summer break.

Action – School ties to be handed into school

Action – Changes to constitution, info/contact leaflet to be drafted

Head Teacher Update

Building works - these are progressing, with the foundations and structure in place. HT holding regular meetings with the contractors. There have been some supply availability issues however the building is still due to be finished in July, before the children are due back from summer break.

Classes and staffing – classes not finalised, but it will be seven straight classes and no composite classes. Staffing is a little under core with a pointage vacancy. Mrs Derrick will be moving from 0.8 – 0.6 FTE.

Next year's holiday consultation will be sent on to FW

School values – Pupil elections took place to vote for new values. Values chosen are kindness, with respect, equity, teamwork, perseverance and trust too. The school will be exploring these values in the next session.

Health and wellbeing week – This was very successful. The children took part in lots of sports activities, potted sports and Team Up to Clean Up.

Kids doing really well with Walk on Wednesday and park and stride and still on the leaderboard for this. They also submitted three designs for badges.

Main priorities –

1. RNLA (Renfrew Nurturing Relationship Approach). Mrs Hunter will be leading, training staff and it's implementation. This will be rolled out to children and parents. Will include looking at respectful relationships and involve education psychology addressing non-violent relationships and the behaviours and anxieties affecting children from the pandemic.
2. Writing – main curriculum focus.
3. SSERC - Mrs Hunter leading this.

Coronavirus – staff are continuing to work very hard to ensure that the children and staff are as safe as possible during this time.

At the moment school are working on nothing changing for the new session however the information can change regularly. They will be returning to normal school hours of 9am until 3pm with no soft start and finish. There will also be a return to full school uniform.

Uniform – discussed pupils wearing a school-branded tracksuit on PE days and when out in the community. Cost possibly around £35. PC agreed it would look smart, but additional cost would be a drawback. Survey to be carried out with parents regarding this.

Outdoor improvements – more bike/scooter sheds are being installed in the playground.

Between the new nursery and the modular classroom, the school would like to make more use of this area, possibly with an eco garden, including chicken coops and raised beds. P6 have been taking part in a rethink event which links in with the COP26 climate-change conference taking place in November. They have completed a vertical tower to grow things in.

Purchase request – Would the PC be willing to purchase more resources like novel sets, whole class novels. Particularly non-fiction

books and books for the library. Dyslexia fonts would be a great addition too.

Request for items for the top-end of the playground to make this more of a play area - football goals, basketball equipment.

Parent council to look at purchasing some recyclable plastic planters (for eco garden) and some extra picnic benches (for rear playground).

Action – PC to liaise with school on purchasing items required.

Action – survey for parents on tracksuit

AOB

Nothing further

Date of next meeting

To be confirmed

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