

Inchinnan Parent Council

Minutes of virtual meeting

Tuesday, 1 March, 2022



Attendance

PC – Fiona Walker, Lisa Arnott, Lynne Black, Claire Dickson & Celia Maclean, Parent Forum - John Boyle, Annette Cox, Suzi McLachlan, Mandy Robertson, Jane Russell.

IPS – Nicola McGlynn and Louise Hamill

Barsail Parent Council members – Fiona Piper (Chairperson) and Kim Nealis (Secretary).

Apologies – Julie Hunter, Kevin Ward & Stephen Russell

Welcome

Fiona welcomed everyone to the meeting. Special thanks to Fiona Piper and Kim Nealis from Barsail Primary School's Parent Council who attended to speak about their work and any ideas IPC can take on board for improvement.

Apologies were noted.

Treasurer report

Fiona gave the treasurer report. The current balance is £1084,12. Sandpits are still to be paid for. The Sphero's that were delivered last month have been paid for.

Barsail PS Parent Council

Kim and Fiona spoke about a recipe book of affordable and healthy meals that they are working on. They are keen to work with more schools across the cluster on this. Kids would have to send in some drawings for the recipes. Around 30-40 could be ready for around May time.

Inchinnan Parent Council to issue a short survey to gauge interest in this.

Both also advised how their Parent Council shared information on how they communicate successfully with parents and hold regular polls for parents. They issue wish lists and announce how funds are spent. Barsail hold a PC meeting each month.

Action - Facebook poll to be carried out for recipe book.

Communication

Work is ongoing to improve communication using Facebook, Twitter, Seesaw and newsletters. We also need to update our website page

John stated that not all parents use Facebook and discussion took place around using email too.

Work continues to explore other methods of communicating.

Action – Website page to be updated (LA).

Current work

Celia spoke about the Flightpath Fund and the Green space fund and what could be applied for. These ideas were very welcome and work is ongoing.

Parent's links. How others can get involved. People don't realise how many contacts they have and who they know. PC to ask parents if they know any companies who could help support the school through donations or gifts in kind.

Celia asked about an Amazon shopping list / wish list from the school and pupils with smaller items. The school must use approved suppliers for some items, but this is something that will be explored.

Easter stone competition to go ahead with prizes for each class to be won. PC will arrange this.

PC are hoping to hold a meet and greet event with parents at the school in May to get parents together.

Mandy asked school about accepting book donations and she will assist with logging them with accelerated reading information.

Action - Contact parents regarding support from companies.

Action – Easter stone competition

Action – Plan meet and greet events for all parents

Code of Conduct

Fiona spoke about the new Code of Conduct for meetings and what is expected of everyone attending. Code of Conduct to be agreed by Parent Council.

Action – Code of Conduct to be agreed by Parent Council members (all).

Inchinnan Development Trust

Discussions took place about projects being looked at by Inchinnan Development Trust. This includes the playing fields at India of Inchinnan and across from the school and a walkway.

Fiona confirmed that IDT will attend the next PC meeting in April.

John asked for an update following the PC meeting on 26 April, 2021, where Chris from Park Moor Boys Club was in attendance. Fiona confirmed that IDT are now looking at this project and an update will be given at the next meeting.

Head Teacher update – Mrs McGlynn

Health and Wellbeing – a major school priority and part of the curriculum. Letters will be going to parents to highlight the relationships, sexual health, parenthood and education pack to be used. It has different levels and covers all aspects. Letters will include links to more detail that will break down what is in each lesson.

School meals – P6 and P7 were to receive free school meals from August, 2022, however the Scottish Government has put this on hold.

Covid mitigations – these have reduced, and assemblies can now take place in the school.

Playground – now fixed and tarred.

Gym hall – Wall bars still to be fitted.

P6 swimming lessons starting up again.

Mrs McGlynn will speak to staff on 2 March at the staff meeting about ideas for the Flightpath Fund and Green space fund applications. Playground would benefit from more colour.

The school are keen to lay artificial turf at the front of the building between the nursery and school.

Actions

- Facebook poll to be carried out for recipe book.
- Plan meet and greet events for all parents
- Contact parents regarding support from companies
- Easter stone competition
- Agree Code of Conduct.
- Flightpath and Green space funding & Amazon wish list to be progressed.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 22 March 2022 on teams.

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