



ST JOHN BOSCO PARENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT ST JOHN BOSCO PRIMARY SCHOOL, ERSKINE

ON THURSDAY 05 October 2023 AT 18:00

Present: Mrs Gardyne (LG)
Mrs McLaren (TM)
Christine Combe (CC) - Chair
Gordon Brown (GB) - Treasurer
Beth Mackay (BM) – Minutes
Donna Thorburn (DT)
Laura Mullen (LM)
Claire Booth (CB)
Alison Deakin (AD)

Apologies: Sharon MacDonald (SM)
Claire Harkins (CH)
Suzanne Banks (SB)

Head Teachers Report

LG updated on the School Improvement Plan (SIP)

Raising attainment and ensuring their wellbeing

3 main priorities

1. Raising attainment in Literacy

Talk for writing being used across Renfrewshire, now in second year of this so all staff are now trained on the full programme from P1-P7. It is also being introduced in the nursery. Support staff have all received training for talk to writing so that they understand for the support they provide. We are working with other local schools (Bargarran) to share ideas. Accelerated reading app P4-7, all staff now trained on this and fully implemented, initial assessments have taken place and it is being embedded.

2. Raising attainment in Numeracy

Maths recovery one to one assessments, where there is a small gap in learning especially around multiplication and division. This assessment clearly shows any gaps and sets a recovery plan for the pupil to work on to get them back on pathway. Sits alongside normal classroom work with support from support teachers. LG advised post covid they have found there are small gaps where the learning has not been solid enough and this allows that to be refilled. This is being implemented across Renfrewshire. St Catherines have had real success with this.

3. Improve Health and wellbeing for all pupils

With a particular focus on inclusion, ensure children are in their classes and learning at all times. Classes should be safe, welcoming and encompassing for all. RICE (Renfrewshire's Inclusive Classroom Environments) to ensure Classrooms are welcoming and safe environments for all.



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Continue to develop individual learning profiles. P1-3 hard copy learning profiles P4-7 digital learning profiles. AD asked how often they update the learning profiles, LG advised this is known as connect and reflect and is updated weekly. GB asked whether this would be part of the transition to High School, LG advised she is not aware of this being part of the transition and it would be subject to GDPR requirements, she has advised Trinity Head Teacher that this is what SJB are doing. Quarriers, Christine working with Targeted pupils and the difference Christine is making is invaluable.

Pupil Equity Fund (PEF)

Same amount as last year however wages have gone up including backpay for wage rises.

Prior year we had 3 days of a PEF teacher, this year this has been reduced to 2 days.

1 FT and 1 PT ASNA last year, this has been reduced to 1 PT ASNA this year. We have been able to keep Mrs Lowson in the short term for another reason.

Quarrier support worker for 1 day per week.

PC raised concerns, LG advised the need is growing for this and mental health and wellbeing

AD asked what the PC would do to help, LG suggested if the PC could fund Quarriers Jan-Mar 24 that would be greatly appreciated to support this work.

Action – LG to provide costs for Quarriers for Jan-Mar 24

Funding requests:

Globetrotters funding

Pupil Voice Groups request:

Whole school trip

Playground equipment

Library books

Resources

Treats

Trim trail will be closed from tomorrow because they need more Bark, following safety walk round.

Action – Donna will arrange for bark with Local Tree surgeon

Action – book drive, CC suggested during parents evening we could have donation boxes

Action – LG requested for support with book banding to allow them to roll out with accelerated reading. Looking for volunteers for a few hours per week CC.



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There was feedback on the accelerated reading bandings. DT feedback that the letter to parents in advance of the assessment would have been better. LG noted this and said this has been a mix up and this would be the case in future.

Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

Following feedback from composite classes they have built in more year group/stage time. This is the first year we have timetabled this. The school will ask Parents for feedback at the end of the year to assess how this has worked.

Parents night

1st Parents night – 2nd Thursday in November

2nd Parents night – has been pushed back 1 month to the start of March following feedback last year

School buses

Ongoing, Pupils have now been assigned a bus for the way home. This is working better from the staff's point of view.

Gillens now have the contract and newer busses are being used, 2 x 57 seaters in better condition. LG advised that parent complaints helped.

The bus company have now had 2 official warnings for late timing of busses and bus routes not being adhered too.

Bus 1 goes to Bishopton first then round Dargavel

Bus 2 goes round Dargavel

GB enquired about bus passes, have these been scrapped? LG advised that a bus pass is not required.

Erskine Christmas Light switch on

School choir have been invited to sing carols at Christmas light switch on. CC and LM volunteered to help out.

Action – CC and LM to volunteered to help out with school choir at Christmas light switch on



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Actions from previous meeting

Updates noted in actions tracker.

Mattera Arising

Halloween Disco

CC advised that Parents have started purchasing tickets.

We are looking for Parent volunteers for the night. We need at least 5 volunteers for P1-3 and at least 6 for P4-7 for the doors.

Christine is arranging tickets to hand out to pupils

Snack wise – previous year juice and biscuits however due to allergies this year CC is thinking about haribo and crisps and diluting juice in jugs.

Prizes – thinking about prize box with selection of prizes

Should we have tuck shop, we didn't in the previous year. Consensus was no.

CB asked whether we are doing dooking for Apples, consensus no due to hygiene reasons

DJ – CC unsure what to do this year. DT suggested contracting Ali at Erskine Arts

Action – LM to contract Ali at Erskine Arts

Action – LG to include in newsletter for parent volunteers to contact the PC email.

- LG to arrange for registers to be provided.
- LG to share allergy list so that snacks can be arranged for these pupils.
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CC advised whether we should do an online Halloween 50:50. Consensus not to do it then.

100 Club

We have 20 numbers left in 100 club following inclusion in newsletter and bus chats.



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Treasurer's Report

£3,702.68 points with outstanding 100 for 100 club in the bank account

Christmas Foodbank donations

GB enquired about Christmas foodbank donation

LG advised we have a foodbank donation next week and would also do one at Christmas.

Christmas Fayre or Spring Fling

There was a vote on whether to have a Christmas fayre or a spring fling. Unanimous consensus was it being a spring fling due to financial constraints at Christmas and time pressures.

Dates of Next Meetings

- Thursday 16th November 2023
- Thursday 18th January 2024
- Thursday 14th March 2024
- Thursday 16th May 2024

Accepted as a true record of the meeting:

Signed:

Date: