

COYLTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

MINUTE OF MEETING

13th January 2021 AT 7pm via ZOOM



ACTION
<p>1. Welcome, attendees & apologies</p> <p><u>Attendees</u></p> <p>Lorna McIntyre (Chair), Fiona Donnelly, Jennifer Mulholland, Lynsay Murdoch, Michele Martin, Ali Watkins, Ann Kennedy, Christine Miller, Louise Dempster, Kirsty Murdoch, Shala Montgomery, Pamela Campbell, Joanne Neil (Minutes), Bonita Rathore, Kay Hoggitt, Hazel Murray, Heather Kerr, Kayleigh Martin, Rachael Madeley, Ross MacDonald, Margaret Howat</p> <p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Elisa Mackie, Gillian Ramsay</p>
<p>2. Minutes of last meeting</p> <p>No Amendments received from the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16th December.</p> <p>Approved – Shala Montgomery</p> <p>Seconded – Ann Kennedy</p>
<p>3. Chairperson's Report</p> <p>Lorna wished everyone a Happy New Year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome to Jennifer Mulholland (DHT)• South Ayrshire Council Budget consultation – link shared via Parent Council WhatsApp group – closes on 15th January. Lorna has submitted a response on behalf of the Parent Council with a focus on Education.• South Ayrshire Chairs meeting will take place on Tuesday 19th January 2021• Positive feedback from Home Schooling so far. Acknowledging the commitment from staff and staff enthusiasm.• Online Banking has now been approved. Constitution will require to be changed.• Small group to be formed to review Constitution, Lorna, Shala, Kirsty and Joanne.
<p>4. Head Teacher's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fiona wished everyone a Happy New Year.

- School is open for Key Worker families and vulnerable children, approx. 1/5 school/EYC (However not all children accessing Hub daily)
- 3 hubs, Early Level, First Level and Second Level. New bubbles have been created.
- 1 Teacher per hub working in School in am, supporting the learning being uploaded to Teams by the class teacher so quality learning can continue in School. Afternoons in the hub focus on creativity. School assistants and Early Years Practitioners also supporting the hubs.
- The majority of Teachers are working remotely.
- Teachers praised for their creativity and Team Work since School restarted.
- Work is being uploaded to Teams on a daily basis. Recorded lessons have been predominately used. At least 1 Literacy, 1 Numeracy Task, Health and Wellbeing and IDL Task
- There is no expectation for children to complete all tasks every day as there is an understanding Parents are also working.
- 1 live check in with Class Teacher daily, for around 20 minutes. This will take place at the same time daily.
- School is manned every day between 9-3. Fiona encouraged Parents to contact the School or Class Teacher if Parents have any questions or concerns.

Question and Answer Session with Fiona

- **It doesn't feel parents are aware the expectation is do what you can?**

This will be reiterated to parents. School is looking for online engagement in the first instance.

- **Printed Paper copies of Worksheets were requested for families unable to access a Printer**

The number of worksheets requiring to be printed is being minimised. To be discussed at teaching staff meeting tomorrow. Further information can be included in Fridays Newsletter regarding the outcome.

- **Can class work be uploaded the evening before to allow parents/carers preparation time prior to 9am to support their children's learning?**

To be discussed with Class Teachers tomorrow.

P7 transitions to Secondary

Ayr Academy are creating videos for P7 pupil's transitions. S1 pupils have been involved from Ayr Academy. Fiona will update parents once further information received. Possibility of arranging a meeting for Parents of P7 and Senior Management Team. Both the HT and DHT from Ayr Academy have previously attended a Parent Council Meeting.

Primary 7 Activities?

- Dolphin House 3 days in May – no further information at present.
- Burn Supper - to be discussed. This may be held virtually, continues to be discussed. Parents will be updated when further information is available.

- Live link sent to Primary 7 Parents to register for Secondary School. Open until 29th January. Placing requests will not hear until after Easter if there request has been successful.
- Primary 1 registration will open next week online, link will be live from Monday 18th January – Wednesday 27th January.
- School has been COVID free since the return to School after Christmas.
- A further 4 laptops have been issued to Cowlton Families this week, to Support Home Online Learning (from South Ayrshire Council) with another 2 laptops pending.
- New reading programme for Primary 1-3 has been funded by the money donated from Parent Council last year. Online platform with E books. Children will be allocated books by class teachers. Platform is called Bug Club. Further information will follow for parents along with user names and passwords. Books will be allocated from Week Beginning 18th January.

Ali Watkins updated from the EYC

- Keyworkers checking in with families daily via Seesaw.
- Thinglink also available for Families. Teaching staff N. Davidson and N. Cairn have uploaded a range of learning activities which can be accessed by Parents/Families.
- ZOOM family sessions are now taking place weekly. First ZOOM session took place today. 24 families engaged in today's session which is extremely positive.

5. Treasurer's Reports

- Current Balance – £6, 007.95
- Class fundraising have still to cash cheques.
- Once outstanding cheques are cashed updated balance will be £ 5079.15
- PAYPAL balance at 0.00
- Easy fundraising – Currently 60 supporters

Both Shala and Lorna can access online banking currently.

6. AOB

- **Fundraising**

We have been overwhelmed with the outcome of the Fundraising prior to Christmas.

Christmas Jumper competition was particularly successful. Possibility of this being a future fundraiser.

Raffle - everyone involved was thanked for their input to make this so successful.
EYC were thanked in particular for their input in making these fundraising activities a success

Feedback regarding fundraising – next year to try and space out some of the activities.

Online Lottery – Still to be considered for next year. Ann Kennedy has forwarded information to Lorna regarding this.

Newsletter – Parent Council Newsletter to be issued online to highlight the funds raised from the activities prior to Christmas and how the money donated last year has been used by the School. A request for future fundraising ideas will also be included.

7. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 24th February at 7pm via Zoom.