

MINUTE OF COYLTON PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH March 2023, 7pm on zoom.

SEDERUNT:

Lorna McIntyre - chair

Kirsty Murdoch – Vice Chair

Laura McEwan – guest – Gala Committee

Joanne Neil

Kyla Wilson

Ann Kennedy

Louise Dempster – Treasurer

Fiona Donnelly – Head Teacher

Ali Watkins – EYC Deputy Manager

Wendy Campbell – Principal Teacher

Gillian Smillie – minute

Gillian Ramsay

APOLOGIES:

Lesley Watson, Lyndsay Murdoch, Shala Montgomery, Michelle Martin, Donna Docherty, Zoe Dinwoodie, Kayleigh Martin, Margaret Howat, Pamela Campbell, Kieran Thomas,

Lorna opened the meeting by introducing Laura McEwan – Coylton Gala Committee to the meeting.

PREVIOUS MINUTE

The Road Alliance have started their pavement improvement programme from the top of the village down to the school, they did not advise when they were starting with a letter to Parents as agreed at the last meeting. Laura advised that residents only received little notice.

The previous minute was approved by Louise Dempster and seconded by Wendy Campbell.

LAURA MCEWAN – GALA COMMITTEE

The Gala committee have been in touch with the school and parent council to offer support for the Coronation celebrations. Discussion between Laura McEwan and Rachel Wilson from the Gala committee along with Lorna McIntyre – Parent Council and Fiona Donnelly – Head teacher and it

was felt that the Friday 5th May before the coronation would be the best day for the celebrations. Michael Mancini is available to come to the school between 1-30 – 2pm to dispense ice cream to the children following their class activities. Laura advised that a keepsake for the nursery children possibly a teddy bear and named Coronation themed water bottles for the older children is a possibility. An inflatable run will be booked which can be used indoors or out depending on the weather that day. Fair ground stalls discussed but agreed not needed as there will be enough going on.

Fiona to speak to Kitchen about themed cakes for the day for all pupils.

A further idea of the children drawing Coronation pictures and decorating the windows to the front of the school or perhaps making bunting was discussed, there is also the possibility of a life sized cardboard cut out of the king for selfies.

The Gala committee are looking into donating an afternoon tea for the older members of the community.

The community garden is moving forward hopefully with diggers coming in soon to level off the property and a possible fairy trail down the bottom of the garden along with privacy arrangements for neighbouring gardens in place it won't be long until the children can have access.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2025.

All parties present voted for the first option of Monday and Tuesday of the February weekend off and the same for the May ending the school year in June rather than 1st July. Lorna to feedback to Liz Duncan SAC

SAC FEBRAURY CHAIR MEETING:

Gavin Pitt – Quality Improvement Manager was looking for volunteers for the education's Appeals panels for zoning requests. Members meet once a month from Easter. Contact Gavin Pitt if anyone is interested through SAC main switchboard.

The care inspectorate reports, service improvement plan and post covid plan all discussed.

FIONA DONNELLY'S - HEAD TEACHERS UPDATE

The changes to the car park since closing the gates is making such a difference. The traffic lights and repairs up at the top end of the village is resulting in some children being a few minutes late for school, Fiona advised the school is not concerned about this as it will be short lived.

We are not doing a Summer School show this year. We have had one ready to go since lockdown and we have decided that given the times scale until the end of year that we will do it next year.

Parent pay is going well we have had a good uptake, one or two technical issues have settled down now.

The book bug books have arrived and are ready to go, this is Donna's project, she will be taking the lead on this.

The Care inspectorate 2023 February visit. They completed an unannounced visit of EYC, the report came back with 5 and 6's for excellence and we are delighted. Report to be circulated to parents.

The parent appointment system has been set up and parents can book their slot for parents night which is the 30th March. We are going to have digital leaders present who are hosting a digi dabble event in the sensory room so please pop in.

Barbara Rae will be bringing maps on the Tailblazer Pilot and she will be attending up until 5pm.

Opinion board regarding education and parents' thoughts on education and what the school is doing well along with questionnaire also discussed for parent's night. Fiona to action.

Report cards will be coming out in June. Then there will be a drop in event to check in, have a look around and meet teachers on the 14th June.

There will be a careers event run by Ayr Round Table for P7's on the 11th May with lots of different industry attending at Ayr Town Hall, all are encouraged to come along.

P7 Dolphin house trip last week and this week has again been successful.

We want to build on the success of the Care Inspection, I was looking at planning towards capturing how our school is a unique place and developing things further and how we can showcase our school. We enjoy parents' engagement and by providing opportunities for parents to be in school for example nurture sessions, social and emotional development, pop in and out workshop for parents on various subjects. One suggestion so far from Louise is to have language lessons for both parents and children. Any further suggestions please let the school know.

P7 leaving arrangements are under way we have 39 mugs to purchase. The leavers disco is arranged for the 29th June. Ann will book the DJ.

EYC REPORT

Last week was registration week, we 48 children which is up on last year and we still have split places to come through.

The tie ceremony is arranged for June. The induction day for P1 is also in June which would be a good time to do fundraising.

TREASURER REPORT

£6424.89 is the current total. No fundraising this month. £105.60 lottery payment has been received.

Bank charges have been taken as our 2 years free banking has now ended. We are potentially looking at moving to another bank. New account need to have free online banking as this will be easier for everyone.

A.O.C.B.

To confirm there will be no school show this session.

We are looking for ideas for the summer fundraiser, excluding the bouncathon due the Coronation celebrations.

We have had an ideas exchange with Tarbolton parent council who are having a raffle draw each day for 25 days for fundraising this can be discussed further

Congratulations to the EYC on their great inspection report.

Date of next meeting will be 15th May not 8th as previously stated as this is now a Public Holiday.