**Dailly Primary & Early Years Centre Parent Partnership**

**General Agenda**

**Minutes from meeting held on Thursday 6th June 2024**

**Present:** Stuart Briggs, Suzanne Parker, Emma Kirk, Kelly Fyfe, Jan Vance, Fiona Matthews, Zanne Domoney-Lyttle (Dailly CDT officer)

1. **Chairperson:**
   1. **Welcome and apologies;** Mrs Morrison, Lynda Connolly, Lorna Gilles-Woods
   2. **Matters arising from previous minutes.**

Stall at fair May 18th raised £220

Byne hill walk went well raising £1032.50.

1. **Community update.**

Playpark refurbishment is underway – the consultation documents were received from the school and wider community with the consensus to keep the park location the same and replace the equipment. CDT are seeking funding. Zanne will come back to the school after the Summer and see if the pupils can be involved in the next stages after the summer holidays.

There is the opportunity for pupils to be involved in a Dalquarran history project, as well as the chance for pupils to be involved in the Food panty as helpers and supplying artwork.

The Community development trust have other projects upcoming such as Ask hub – skills and knowledge and giving tech access as have received funding for laptops in the community centre for public use.

There is also the possibility of a Photo exhibition and competition, new groups and projects being planned – GYT running 11-18 youth group starting August.

Releasing a newsletter quarterly to update community.

Village Fete – vouchers for food venders were a success

1. **Head Teacher’s report.**

We endeavour to provide parents/carers with regular updates on their child’s learning and key information about family engagement events and key diary dates throughout the year. Parents /carers have provided feedback in relation to needing to have more notice when events in school are happening. This session we issued the diary dates in August which covered all 4 terms, providing parents with an overview of key events to enable you to plan ahead and arrange time off work if required. Each term we issue updates with any new events and any minor changes to the termly dates. This is issued via e-mail and as a paper copy each term. Reminders for all school events are also issued the week before. In addition to this we also display key information on the external noticeboard near the main entrance to the school.

We continue to upload all letters and important correspondence to the BLOG in addition to sending them via e-mail and using Facebook as well as twitter to share highlights of the learning going on throughout the school as well as reminders for forthcoming events.

**Learning Journals**

We have introduced Learning Journals this session as a way of sharing your child’s work and achievements. Each parent can view their own child’s profile as well as uploading any personal achievements or learning at home.

We feel that all of the above provides a very robust and effective system for communication with parents /carers are fully informed.

**Staffing and classes**

Next session we will have our usual four classes in the school as well as the Early Years class. Last week we appointed Robyn Nimmo to the part-time post in the Early Years Centre and she will be job sharing with Mrs McCrindle to cover Miss Jardine’s post when she goes off on maternity leave at the end of June.

We will also be working with a newly appointed Early Years Principal Teacher as part of the South Ayrshire re-structuring within Early Years. They took the decision to remove teachers from the EYC on a full-time basis instead, children will still have access to a teacher but less frequently. The PT will visit once a fortnight to support the staff and to engage with the children. This change will not have a huge impact on us as Mrs Parker, our Principal Teacher will still be overseeing the day to day running of the Early Years Centre and supporting the children, staff and parents.

In the school we are delighted to be keeping Miss Ingram as one of our School Assistants in addition to Mrs Eaglesham and Mrs Vance. We are looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Kirkwood who has been on extended family leave. She will be returning on a part-time basis. Mr Woods is also reducing his hours and he will only be working 3 days. We have been allocated a Newly Qualified Teacher (NQT), Megan Hood and we are looking forward to meeting her next **Tuesday 11th June for our Bump-up day**.

**Staffing for 2024-25**

**Senior Leadership :**  Louise Morrison (HT) and Suzanne Parker (PT)

**EYC Staffing**

Suzanne Maxwell, Jenna Sykes, Ellen McCrindle, Robyn Nimmo

Classes : – P2/1 Miss Muir and Miss Ingram

P4/3 Mrs Kirkwood and Mrs Parker

P5/4 Miss Hood, Mr Woods and Mrs Vance

P7/6 Miss Baillie, Mr Woods and Mrs Eaglesham

**Collaborative Improvement Visit**

In April we were inspected by a team from South Ayrshire Council as part of their commitment to improving learning, teaching and assessment across the authority. The team commented that they it was lovely to be in our school and there was warm and welcoming atmosphere. Inspection findings are summarised below:

Strengths :

• There is a warm and welcoming ethos across the EYC and school with a real sense of community.

• Pupils are polite, well-mannered and respectful. They are proud of their school.

• Children’s experiences are enhance by the strong teamwork across the EYC and school.

• All staff demonstrate in depth knowledge of their families. This allows support to be timely and well targeted.

• The Senior leadership team have a clear understanding of the strengths and areas for development across the EYC and school.

Development areas :

• Staff should further embed AIFL strategies thus ensuring learners have a greater understanding of their learning, how they can be successful and how they can demonstrate if they require further support.

• Staff should further develop questioning techniques ensuring their questions extend pupil knowledge and develop higher order thinking skills. This will lead to pupils being further challenged in their learning.

• As planned the Senior leadership team should work with staff to further develop planning to ensure all lessons match learners needs and offer appropriate pace and challenge

We were very pleased with the report and we will include the areas for development in our School Improvement Plan for next session.

**Parent Partnership Update**

The Parent Partnership ran a very successful Sponsored Walk and raised £1032.50

We had a great turn-out from families and friends and seemed to be enjoyed by all.

**EYC and School Trips**

EYC are going to Barrhill Park and the school are going to Newmilns Dry Ski slope for skiing and tubing, The cost of this was around £20 per head including transport but due to the Parent Partnership securing funding for the transport and the fundraising efforts all children will be able to attend this free of charge,

1. **Finance:**
   1. **Treasurer’s report;**
   2. **Funding / Grants;**
   3. **Fundraising update.**
2. **AOB.**

All attending agreed to pay for the Reindeer visit for the pupils at Christmas for the school fair - this will cost £500. Jan was still trying to get in touch with Send for Santa to see if they can be arranged for their pop up grotto.

1. **Dates of next meetings:**

Thursday 5th September at 9am – 10am