

Daily Primary & Early Years Centre Parent Partnership

General Agenda

Thursday 3rd October 2024

Present: Stu Briggs, Lorna Gilles-Woods, Kelly Fyfe, Louise Morrison, Suzanne Parker,
Fiona Matthews

1. Chairperson:

- a. **Welcome and apologies;** Zanne Domoney-Lyttle, Jan Vance, Emma Kirk
- b. **Matters arising from previous minutes.**

2. Community update.

Community update

Zanne to send a report or Stuart will update on relevant things in relation to the Community Centre and her role as Development Officer.

Youth Club on a Monday night is going very well and has a good attendance.

Hugh Dalrymple Hamilton – son of owners of Bargany estate has offered to clear the wooded area near the football pitch, It was agreed that staff would be keen to meet with Hugh to agree what is needed. Stuart is going to arrange.

Counselling sessions at the Community Centre offered by Annette Keenan are available to all and people can self-refer. Mrs Morrison said that she will speak to Pauline Eaglesham and check how the information is being shared and we can provide forms for people to complete along at the hall if this is not already in place.

Intergenerational work taking place at the Community Centre on a Monday when small groups of children from the EYC are going to go along and join the senior citizens and play games and maybe do some cooking.

3. Head Teacher's report.

Car washing going well as a fundraiser to subsidise the P5-7 residential trip. Parents, staff and members of the Community have been supporting us with generous donations. We have raised £150 so far and have 2 weeks to go.

P5-7 during their outdoor learning last week worked with members of the Community Council to plant bulbs along the Dalquharren trails.

We have booked swimming lessons at the Maybole pool for the Early Years Centre and Primary 3. We have been booked swimming lessons for P3 and EYC this year. Since COVID we have been providing swimming lessons to a couple of year groups so the whole school have benefitted from swimming lessons in the last few years. We are looking into the possibility of the summer trip taking place at Cumnock Outdoor pool for the whole school.

Playground update – I have spoken to Gavin Cockburn to see if we can get someone to come out and look at the top playground as the children have not been able to access it due to work going on with the car park. It would be good to get use of this again. We are waiting on a second company providing us with a quote for the development of the playground and hoping to make a decision on this and get the equipment ordered prior to Christmas.

The Scholastic book Fayre was very well supported by parents and the school earned commission of £75 to spend on books. The school is looking into offering parents and children access to the Scholastic book club. A brochure would be sent out with the latest deals on books each month. The school would run this in addition to the annual book fayre.

Christmas

We have had a very good attendance at the Craft workshops which are running on a Tuesday afternoon in partnership with Thriving Communities. The children have produced some lovely crafts with the help of parents which will be available to purchase at the Christmas Fayre.

We have had very generous donations for our Christmas raffle from local businesses. Staff are donating a luxury Christmas hamper as well.

Morrisons provided £80 worth of Fruit and Vegetables for the Harvest parcels which was extremely generous. Each year they also provide an advent calendar for each child.

We are going to put out a quick survey to parents to see if they wish the Christmas raffle to go ahead as we are aware it is another expense for families who are asked to donate the prizes and purchase raffle tickets.

We have been informed that we are not able to invite parents/carers to the Christmas lunch due to lack of capacity in the new campus kitchen. I am currently in discussion with the catering service to see if we can work around this as it is a much enjoyed annual event for families.

4. Finance:

Account balance £10,657.26

Deductions still to come out: £40 to school for water bottles (£210 already sent to Mr Woods for outdoor resources and playground materials) this was a grant for £250 for Co Op for these purposes

£500 still to pay reindeer

£250 to Santa and grotto

£538.50 to school for panto bus this was a community council grant Jan applied for and luckily received

£8800 still set aside for ACE

Available balance £528.76

There is also a grant of £300 from nestle on route for playground and outdoor equipment. For our p2-7s they needed resources, trolleys tarpaulin, bungy cords, playground is needing soil as well as new balls and stilts etc. Once cheque is received it will go to the school to be spent on these items.

5. AOB

Proposal for a race night to be run around Feb/March time as a joint fundraiser with the school and parent partnership. We will need to find a suitable date and will check dates with the Bowling and Community Centre to ensure that our event does not clash with other events.

6. Date of next meeting:

9th January