

## **Parent council meeting 21/9/23**

### **Attendees present**

<b>Mrs Campbell</b>	<b>Lorna McCutcheon</b>
<b>Bonnie Mclean</b>	<b>Corene McCrindle</b>
<b>Emma McClung</b>	<b>Claire Devlin</b>
<b>Daisy Seymour</b>	<b>Gunlta Roze</b>
<b>Kirsty Caldwell</b>	<b>Michelle Parkin</b>

**Chair Bonnie welcomed all present and shared a thank you to all staff, families and the community for all the support over the last year.**

**Treasurer's report £1857.51 at present in the parent council bank account  
Thanks to the generous donation from Western Recreational Trust of £1000 the Parent Council matched the funding and updated the playground with amazing educational playground markings. All teaching staff and pupils have been making excellent use of them to enhance learning and have fun.**

**Attendees present voted for committee positions. All positions filled at the meeting.**

<b>Chair</b>	<b>Bonnie Mclean</b>
<b>Vice chair</b>	<b>Daisy Seymour</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Kirsty Caldwell</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Lorna McCutcheon</b>

**An Xpression message was sent to all families to invite parents and carers to attend the Parent Council AGM.**

**The Parent council annually pays for the children to attend the pantomime and a summer school trip. The Parent Council asked Mrs Campbell if there was anything specific this year that we could contribute towards.**

**The school would like to develop an outdoor nook at the pergola which the children could use for different activities. The school would also like to develop the outdoor storage building in the playground. They would like to use the building as an extra classroom space for the children to engage in woodwork activities building skills and experiences.**

**The outdoor building currently has no electricity and some dampness. Mrs Campbell will speak with South Ayrshire Council about the repairs required and costing. Permission will also be needed to change the use of the premises. Mrs Campbell will update the Parent Council and further discussions can then take place about the support the parent council can offer.**

## **Head Teachers Report**

**1. Discussion about upcoming strike action 26th/27th/28th september 24**

**Home learning will be sent home with all pupils for the 3 days.**

**2. Staff and children to host the Harvest Festival 11th october 10am in the school. A request has been sent out for donations for tombola and toys. All parents are invited to join the children and celebrate.**

**The school requested donations for Harvest Hampers to be presented to nominated people in the community. The school would like to thank everyone for their generosity with donations.**

## **School improvement plan**

**1. The school has asked the Parent Council for any ideas on how to reduce the cost of the school day for each family. All ideas welcome please contact the school or parent council.**

**2. The school has requested donations of any pre-loved Halloween costumes. These costumes will be made available for all parents and children and are all free!**

**3. The school uniform bank was created before the summer holidays. The bank contains new and pre-loved items. The bank is available to everyone and all year round. At school events the clothing will be on display. All items are free. A great move forward in recycling and reusing, helping the world to be more eco friendly.**

**Please just contact the school or pop in if you need any items. Please also donate any uniforms with life still left in them.**

**4. An Xpression message was sent out asking parents to complete a survey about School values. Please help the staff and children by sharing your opinion.**

**5. The school asked the Parent Council about which charities they would like to see the school support. After discussions the Parent Council have asked if the local youth club could be considered as funding has been cut for them.**

**6. GO PURPLE is the charity the school will be supporting on 13/10/24. Donation buckets will be available at the Harvest Festival. Donation also by Parent pay and cash on the day.**

**7. Mrs Martin will continue to be Acting Principal teacher until the October holidays. Miss Eaglesham will return to her role after the holidays. She will mainly be in the building at Fisherton on a Monday and a Friday.**

**8. Seesaw has been terminated by South Ayrshire Council. Learning Journals will take over from Seesaw allowing the teaching staff to share learning and photographs with parents and carers. Parents and carers can not communicate with staff on learning journals unlike seesaw. All communication with learning staff must go through the main office. Appointments can be made if you require to speak with any teaching staff.**

**9. South Ayrshire Council has purchased the new learning resource GIGLETS. GIGLETS is an accessible and enjoyable platform of curriculum aligning online literacy resources and multilingual text for children 3-14. This will benefit all pupils nursery to p7. The resource is dyslexic friendly has audio, picture books and many more resources. Kids have started exploring with it and there has been positive feedback. This will run alongside the reading accelerator the previous resource used until the funding is finished for the reading accelerator. Funding for GIGLETS has been secured for 3 years.**

#### **10. Home time collection**

**The school has been trying different ways to reduce congestion at school finishing time. The school proposes that children who are collected from school will be collected from the entrance in the playground. Children on the bus and taxis will be assisted by staff from the front entrance to the vehicles. The staff's aim is to keep children safe at all times.**

#### **11. Road Closure**

**#The school bus will not be affected by the road closure.**

**#Swimming has to be confirmed the school is working with the bus company to try to continue with swimming lessons.**

**#School lunches will not be affected.**

#### **12. Staffing**

**#A happy announcement that Jamie the Janitor has secured a permanent post at Fisherton Primary.**

**#We welcome Miss Gemmell as a permanent staff member within the nursery.**

**#Currently no update on filling the catering staff position.**

**13. The dinner hall has had some added features to give the ambience of a cafe. The children are enjoying the experience.**

**14. South Ayrshire Council has secured funding under YOUTH MUSIC INITIATIVE for the upper class to have a music specialist one day a week. Mrs Coleman will still teach music to the whole school weekly.**

## **Parent council**

**Daisy Seymour spoke to the meeting about the children taking part in the xmas light switch on at the harbour. The school will support the children to learn xmas songs to sing on the night. Xmas lights switch on date to be confirmed.**

**Discussion about leavers hoodies for the p7. To be purchased from lcs work wear a local company. Mrs Campbell will consult with the children on designs and colours. Children should have their hoodies prior to Dolphin house in January.**

**Committee asked the school to share the Parent Council Facebook page with all parents. Parents must agree to terms and conditions before they can join.**

**Discussion about activities that the children can take part in at break times.  
The school has a rota for different activities i.e. football this ensures all  
children get to take part in different activities.**

**Next Parent council meeting will be within the school 2nd November at 130pm  
all welcome.**