

Minutes of Meeting Thursday 16th January 2020

Gardenrose Primary School

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In attendance	Louise Morrison, Kerry Malcolm, Councillor Grant, Dawn McFadyen, Paula Hunter, Kayleigh Crate, Kathryn Woods, Emma McRae, Emma Conkie, Helen Millar.	
Apologies	Gillian McCauley, Heather Barclay, Fiona Howie.	
Minutes of previous meeting	N/A. Previous meeting not quorate.	
Matters arising	<p>New Chair Agreed. Dawn McFadyen and Paula Hunter Joint Chair with immediate effect. Kathryn Woods proposed Paula Hunter. Proposal second by Emma Conkie. Kayleigh Crate proposed Dawn McFadyen. Proposal second by Emma Conkie.</p> <p>Facebook sharing to be addressed. Louise Morrison agreed that she will pass this to Sophie to confirm settings are changed accordingly.</p>	LM
Head Teachers Report	<p><u>Blog (Glow)</u> Louise Morrison and Kerry Malcolm showed the group the new blog that has gone live. A run through of the blog was given and it was confirmed that the Parent Council can use this to publish minutes of meetings.</p> <p>Louise Morrison informed that the blog will be updated regularly. It is anticipated that, as the blog is used more frequently, key events will be published on the home page and permission slips will be published and returned via the blog. The link for the blog will be included in the forthcoming newsletter.</p> <p><u>Twitter</u> Louise Morrison confirmed that the school are now using Twitter to share our successes. All tweets will also be published on the blog.</p> <p><u>Expressions App</u> It was discussed that some parents/carers are still having difficulty in registering with the app. Louise Morrison and Lynn Maxwell both confirmed that South Ayrshire Council are unaware of any issues and therefore are unable to rectify. It was suggested that parents/carers register via the website or email the</p>	LM

contact given on the app. A new note to parent will be issued to prompt parents to register.

Technology Update

Kerry Malcolm informed that the school have received 13 new desktop PC's and 10 new laptops. The school have also purchased a further 4 laptops and 4 ipads. The upgrade has allowed each class to have 2 desktop PCs. One will be logged on as Corporate and is for staff use only and the other will log on as Education for pupil use only. This will allow securities to be relevant to the user. The increase in laptops and ipads will allow ICT studies to be carried out in class, at present the ICT suite is timetabled and limits time for classes. 4 new interactive whiteboards have been purchased and the first 2 are scheduled to be installed in March and the remaining 2 in June.

Councillor Grant noted that all South Ayrshire schools will soon be providing free WiFi. Councillor Grant informed the group that a substantial amount of funds had been allocated to South Ayrshire to allow technical upgrades including equipment and update of rural WiFi.

Kerry Malcolm confirmed that a restructure within South Ayrshire Council now allows the school to have IT visits when necessary and this has been highly praised. Simon has visited the school on several visits to ensure that all equipment supports an update to Windows10.

Community Campus

Louise Morrison confirmed that the plans to date for the campus have space for ICT suites, but this will be discussed further along in the process as there may be scope for class based ICT studies.

The design team for the campus visited all classes this week to engage with pupils. This was very well received by pupils.

There are two exhibitions planned for parents/carers. The first on Wednesday 29th January at 7pm – 8.30pm in the Town Hall. This will be part of the design process. The second event will be held on 12th February at 4pm – 8pm at Carrick Academy. This event is part of the planning process. Deadline for comments was noted to be Friday 26th February.

	<p><u>Questionnaire Summary</u> Louise Morrison briefly gave an overview of the positive results of the parental questionnaire. It was noted that there had been a drop in returns from EYC on previous years with 53% return and a 66% return from school. The summary of the EYC and School results are attached in a separate document for your information. This information will also be shared via the blog.</p> <p><u>Parent Council Promotion</u> It was suggested that a promotion of the parent council is pushed as going forward it is important, we have a strong council. No response to the parent council leaflet was very disappointing and a fresh reminder will be issued requesting members for a helpers list initially. Three new members attended the meeting Emma Conkie, Emma McRae and Helen Millar.</p> <p>Louise Morrison has suggested that Parent Council Office Bearers and Committee Members have their photo and contact details displayed in the school reception. This will be done in due course.</p> <p><u>Deep Clean / School Clearance</u> Portland were employed over the Christmas break to deep clean specified areas of the school; lunch hall, toilets, corridors and all laminated floors. This was timed well due to the high level of sickness last term.</p> <p>Four skips have also been used to discard broken furniture.</p> <p><u>Nurture Room</u> Louise Morrison informed the group that the renovations are now complete in the nurture room. A new sofa is now in place after Mr Parks painted the room. It was explained the nurture room is usually used by p4-7 pupils and is a space for ‘time away’ promoting health and wellbeing.</p> <p><u>Gold Sports Award</u> The school were privileged to have received a presentation from Sports Scotland and a visit from former pupil Kayleigh Haggo. Kayleigh won a Gold medal at the World Para-Athletes Championship and she was kind enough to bring her medal to the school to show to pupils.</p>	<p>LM</p>
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	<p><u>Christmas Fayre</u></p> <p>Louise Morrison noted that between the school class crafts and the Parent Council stalls a fabulous £1112.37 was raised at the Fayre. It was noted that the turnout was amazing, the event was praised as “the best fayre ever”.</p> <p><u>Social Media</u></p> <p>Louise Morrison informed the group that unfortunately Facebook had been used inappropriately to discuss a situation. Louise Morrison reiterated that the school have clear procedures regarding the use of social media and the situation is being addressed.</p> <p><u>Scottish Concert</u></p> <p>A change to this years annual Burns’ celebrations was considered and a Scottish concert has been scheduled but as the P7s were already learning all of their poems, songs and completing research for the Immortal memory, it was decided to go ahead with it but only P7 parents being invited in the afternoon. The decision to alternate annually between events such as the Burns Supper and School Show is under consideration to allow pupils to fully focus on one main event each term and ensure that other curricular activities to remain a priority.</p> <p>A request was made for parent helpers for this event to be held on the afternoon of 29th January. The Parent Council will confirm help available within the next few days.</p>	PC
<p>Carrick Centre Cooking Grant</p>	<p>It was noted that there is still a substantial amount of the grant awarded still to be used. It was suggested that smaller groups be given cooking sessions or possibly parent/carer and child sessions. Kathryn Woods will contact the Carrick Centre to confirm what options the school has regarding activities.</p>	KW
<p>Pupil Voice Groups</p>	<p>Kerry Malcolm informed that the school currently have five pupil voice groups. These are run by staff, but it would be beneficial for parent helpers to join each group to allow supported activities. It was agreed that the Parent Council will promote this. It was preferred that volunteers could commit to the same time slot to allow continuous support.</p>	DMcF(Further info required for post on FB)

<p>Fundraising Activity (School)</p>	<p>Louise Morrison informed that it was planned to hold a pizza and puzzle night on 20th February. This event will be run by Mr McKenna who works across different school although used to be PT Maths in South Ayrshire Council. This will coincide with a parent/carer meeting 3pm-6pm.</p> <p>Helpers agreed at the meeting were; Kayleigh, Paula, and Dawn. Kathryn will confirm if available at a later date due to shift patterns.</p> <p>It was suggested that we use this event to promote the Parent Council. This will be discussed at a meeting to be arrange before the event.</p> <p>Louise Morrison noted that it was intended to hold a BBQ event in term 4. This will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>PC</p>
<p>Fundraising Event (Parent Council)</p>	<p>It has been suggested that we hold a sponsored event in term 3 and an additional community night in term 4.</p> <p>The sponsored event will be a sponsored bounce to be held on Thursday 6th February. This will be an all-day event run by the parent council. The bouncy castle has been booked BY Kayleigh Crate for a fee of £120, payable on delivery. Sponsor forms and letter to be issued to advertise the event.</p> <p>The event suggested for term 4 was a psychic night. This will be held possibly at the end of term 3 due to the school holding a summer community event. This will be discussed at the next meeting to ensure the school event is going ahead and that dates are acceptable.</p>	<p>DMcF / PH(Sponsor form and letter)</p>
<p>Community Funding Bid</p>	<p>Kerry Malcolm has kindly submitted this application on our behalf as the closing date was before our meeting. Kerry will email this to Paula to make arrangements for the event on Saturday 15th February.</p> <p>The bid is for funding to allow swimming lessons for EYC and pre-school pupils.</p> <p>It was noted that Ryan had informed Louise Morrison that blocks for swim lessons were available but due to lack of funding this will not progress.</p>	<p>KM / PH</p>

Charity Shop	It was suggested that we take up the offer of the charity shop in April. This can be discussed at the next meeting. Kathryn Woods will contact Alex Kelly to confirm our booking.	KW
Christmas Jumper Collection	It was agreed that a post should be issued to inform parents/carers that we will accept donations and store until the fayre. This will be revisited at the end of the year.	DMcF
Treasurers Report	Kathryn Woods confirmed that a change in signatories had been requested. It was advised that within 7-10 days this should be processed, allowing Kathryn access to the account.	
Valentines Disco	The Valentines disco will be held on Thursday 13 th February. A letter will be issued to promote and request helpers. This will be discussed nearer the event.	DMcF
World Book Day	A change to this event was suggested. Jammies and Bring a Book will be the theme. This will be held on 5 th March.	
Cashless System	Issues with the cashless system were raised with Louise Morrison. It was confirmed that children will not be refused lunch if their account has no funds. However, tuck may be refused.	
AOB	<p>Kayleigh Crate offered to source a new television to donate to the school due to the reception screen being broken. It was suggested that the Parent Council help with the cost of the wall mount for this.</p> <p>Primary 7 will be at Dolphin House from Tuesday 11th February to Friday 14th February.</p> <p>A new Parent Council email address is to be set up to allow direct contact with the Parent Council and lessen the admin for the school.</p> <p>Primary 1 and Primary 2 cooking sessions at the Carrick centre are as follows:</p> <p>P2a 14th February / P2b 21st February / P1b 6th March / P1a 13th March.</p>	<p>KC</p> <p>DMcF</p>
Next Meeting	<p>Thursday 27th February 2020</p> <p>9am for 9.30 start. To be held in school.</p>	

