

Parent Voice Action Log

1st March 2017

Present:

Richard Hardy
 Kay Murray
 Yvonne Feggans (Secretary)
 Katie Reid
 Rosemary Logie
 Susan Elder
 Judith Hannigan (Chair)
 April Masson (Vice Chair)
 Laura Shields
 Marion Curragh
 Lorna Russell (Treasurer)
 Jennifer Ingram
 Milja Nasi
 Lam Tram
 Peiyank Sharma

Apologies:

Tommy Ingram
 Carol Lambie
 Sharon Caldwell
 Mhairi Tindall
 Lesley Fraser

1.	Welcome Judith welcomed everyone to the meeting and after a quick introduction the meeting got underway.	Action
2.	Apologies Apologies were noted for T. Ingram, C. Lambie, S. Caldwell, M. Tindall and L. Fraser.	To Note
3.	Matters Arising (20th September 2017) Playground Painting – the playground painting was completed in the Autumn. Thanks to S. Elder for organising this. Book Fair – A successful book fair was held in Autumn and work is now underway to get organised for the forthcoming Book Fair which will be held around Parents Night. Beetle Drive – Thanks to A. Masson for co-ordinating the Beetle Drive, all in attendance had a lovely evening. Halloween Disco – Thanks to J. Ingram for organising the Halloween Disco everyone thoroughly enjoyed this. J. Ingram volunteered to co-ordinate this year's disco for the last time. Xmas Fair – Thanks to S. Elder and J. Ingram for organising the Christmas Fair. The school raised a good sum of money at this event. Tape for Gym Hall Netball Courts – K. Reid advised this was on her to do list to order the tape 2/3/17. Dinner Menu – the menu for the children is available on the website.	To Note To Note To Note JI To Note To Note To Note
4.	Chairpersons Report (JH) JH discussed the frequency of the PV meetings, she wondered if it should be changed to bi-monthly. Discussion ensued concerning the frequency of the meetings at other schools. The group agreed 1 meeting per term plus any adhoc meetings as required was sufficient. Agreed that the dates for the meetings should be pre-set and available on the website.	To Note

5.	<p>Treasurer (LR) L. Russell advised that L. Fraser had the books; however, the balance in the account was £3125. R. Hardy suggested that as a measure of good practice the books/bank statements should be presented at the Parent Voice Meetings. The group agreed with the suggestion.</p> <p>Discussion ensued concerning items to buy. Agreed S. Elder would get a quote for outside benches from the Company who already supplied the playground furniture.</p>	LR/LF SE
6.	<p>Head Teachers Report (RH) <u>Pupil Equity Fund</u> – RH advised that this was a Scottish Government scheme that we may or may not have heard of whereby schools are given money to attempt to close the attainment gap in more deprived areas. All streets are classified by postcode into deciles 1 to 10. 1 being the most deprived postcode, 10 being the least deprived postcode. Holmston have been awarded £49200 which they will receive in April.</p> <p>The proposal is to focus specifically on reading and improving reading as a starting point. The money may be used to pay for additional support assistants to assist with targeted interventions or 1-1 programmes with children or to obtain an Early Years Practitioner and to purchase an additional reading scheme for the lower school. PV approved the proposal.</p> <p><u>School Lunches</u> Proposal to move from the pre-booking system to a cafeteria system on the basis that there is a lot of waste, value for money and more pupil choice. They operate a Cafeteria system at Annbank and RH proposes to go along with some PV representatives to see it in operation. If the school decides to change to this format they won't be able to change back to the pre-booking system. R. Hardy believes this would be more effective for the pupils.</p> <p>Healthy Packed Lunches – S. Elder enquired as to whether the school could encourage healthy packed lunches.</p> <p><u>Staffing</u> The school role stands at 192. One member of staff is on long term sick and this vacancy remains unfilled. Mrs Taylor has returned from maternity leave and teaches in P5 Tue till Fri and Mrs Reid teaches on a Monday. R. Hardy thanked K. Reid for her work in P5. Next year staffing will be affected as we have 30 P7's leaving and only 25 P1's coming in. R. Hardy advised he is going to request a probationer for next year.</p> <p><u>JRSO</u> JRSO Campaign will continue. The Campus Police Officer will assist with this. Disappointingly, certain parents continue to park on the yellow zig zags.</p> <p><u>School Website</u> This has been completely re-vamped. School blogs, letters, class blogs and a parent voice page will be created.</p> <p><u>Trips</u> PV agreed to subsidise the pantomime trip. P4, 5 & 6 attended the Scottish BBC Symphony Orchestra concert today and had a great afternoon. Primary 7 attended the Sky Academy recently. Primary 4 are going to Maritime Museum in Irvine soon. R. Hardy enquired as to whether a change of venue should be explored for the P7 residential trip?</p> <p><u>Visitors into School</u> The school have had various visitors.</p>	To Note To Note RH To Note To Note To Note To Note To Note

	<p><u>STEM Week</u> This will be happening soon and in May the focus will be on the river and seas in our area and the opportunity for jobs/leisure activities in relation to the water.</p> <p>Garden Room has been turned into a library and has lots of new books. The outside area is being transformed by Mrs Messner who is developing creativity skills – skills that employers would be looking for i.e. collaborative work, team work, problem solving. It is anticipated P1 and 2 will utilise this space.</p> <p><u>World Book Day</u> R. Hardy advised that Holmston had successfully achieved 3rd in the World Book Day Competition in the whole of the UK. Well done Holmston.</p>	<p>To Note</p> <p>To Note</p> <p>Well done</p>
7.	<p>AOCB</p> <p><u>P7 Prom</u> PV agreed to donate £100 to the P7 prom. They will also buy Academy ties and dictionaries.</p> <p><u>Allotment</u> J. Ingram advised that her son Aidan has been working at the allotment as part of his Duke of Edinburgh award. Aidan and his dad have dug over the whole allotment and it has been agreed to section it off ready for the pupils to begin planting. Mrs Taylor is keen to take the P5s. Some new tools may be required for the allotment – suggestions were made to contact B & Q or Dobbies.</p> <p><u>Dealing with Conflict</u> R. Logie asked if the school could deliver a session to the children on dealing with conflict. R. Hardy advised that there is a range of material already used in school as part of the Health and Wellbeing curriculum and through assemblies. RH would like to include a review of the behaviour policy in next session's school improvement plan and issues such as this could be further examined within this context.</p> <p><u>Social Media – Bullying</u> S. Elder raised bullying and social media. R. Hardy advised that the Campus Policeman had been and delivered a talk to the children, however, it might be useful to deliver such a workshop to parents too. Information for parents is available on the school website.</p> <p><u>School Ceilidh</u> JH suggested a ceilidh for the children a 5 piece band made up of teenagers would cost £150.00. Suggested date for this was following the Easter holidays between 18:30 and 20:30 in the school on a Friday night.</p> <p><u>Summer Fair</u> Agreed a separate meeting to discuss the summer fair would be arranged nearer the time.</p>	<p>P7 parents</p> <p>JI/TI</p> <p>To Note</p> <p>RH</p> <p>JH</p> <p>To Note</p>
8.	<p>Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 26th April 2017 at 19:00 in school.</p>	<p>To Note</p>