# FOVP Parent Council Minutes

22nd February 2024

## Attendees

Laura, Vee, Jo, Anna, Christine, Liz – Head teacher, Kirsty- Depute Head Teacher.

Apologies- Suzanne, Natalie, Sally, Lorna and Lauren.

## Minutes of Meeting

* **Head Teachers Report**- As very detailed report at last meeting the update was brief. Brew and Blether leaflets be printed and sent home before next session. Physiotherapy Students starting next week.
* **Pool-** Discussed at length in previous meeting. Situation remains the same as outlined in previous minutes. No alternative Swimming arrangements currently- P6 Pupils only. Attending Parent Council put to vote contacting SLC via letter regarding the Pool situation within the School- outcome was no letter to be sent from Parent Council Body. As using the space for Rebound Therapy Room be more beneficial to student body as whole. HT Liz directs any individual parent to South Lanarkshire Council Have Your Say Complaints procedure. A copy of SLC Complaints Handling Procedure Customer Guide was given to Parent Council. A parent advised that Wanlochhead Pool can be hired out individually as can Lanark Hydrotherapy Pool.
* **Cameras**- Some of the Teaching Staff have suggested acquiring more robust Cameras to record activities/classroom and then put on GLOW for parents/carers to access. HT put forward an idea of the FOVP spending a small amount around £150 on a PC or Canon Camera for each class. FOVP will purchase 2 different Cameras to contrast and compare and going forward the best Camera will be purchased for each class commencing in August 2024 for new School year. FOVP will organise a Fundraiser, perhaps a race night and Linda Martin a member of staff has offered to assist and arrange alongside.
* **Brew and a Blether**- Great success and turn out. Another date arranged for **Thursday the 7th of March, 1.30pm**. A session specifically for Primary 1 or 2 parents/carers mooted, more updates to follow.
* **Changes to Staff**- Change in staff in class or new members of staff appointed- letters did and do go out to parents/carers to inform them. Parents are usually spoken to over the phone by Teachers to introduce themselves. Updated School Handbook to be uploaded onto website that includes all staff and CCC Cover Teachers. School website with staff info is up-to-date. Going forward from August 2024 there will be an opportunity, most likely on a **Tuesday** to meet the ASN Assistants working with our children. Be a classroom based open door policy that gives us the opportunity to build relationships with those who care for our children in School. Liz and Kirsty might look onto changing the wording on Class Staff info sheets that get sent out to parents/carers to incorporate who will be involved in intimate/personal care.
* **Trips**- Local community trips such as to Tesco, Library, Playparks, Woods etc can absolutely to looked at as possibility for our children. Parent Helpers will be needed!! As SLC require an educational rationale for trips out- The School and the parents would need to come up with an excellent structure/learning strategy such as Wellbeing etc. Going forward perhaps a Working Group could organise this. Forest Friends would be an brilliant idea for our kids- we have 2 staff members trained in this, Wiston Lodge could also be contacted to see what opportunities they could offer. Leanne, a member of staff is keen to get ponies into the School. Any suggestions/ideas post on **WhatsApp Group**.
* **Parent Leavers Lunch**- School thinks this would be great idea for our P7 Parents. More details to follow. The P7 Leavers Trip is to Clyde Valley Family Park.
* **Parent Portal**- If anyone has issues accessing or any problems contact the School Office. School will send out another leaflet with information in schoolbag. Perhaps a ‘How To’ session on Parent Portal could be arranged at the School.
* **Garden/Greenspace**- Parent Helpers needed for a clean up and tidy of garden. Hoping to arrange a date for this before the Easter Holidays start on 29th March.
* **Gala Day!**- The Schools Gala entry from has been submitted with a request made that as last year we be placed towards the end of the parade. Our parade name is **‘Victoria’s Ark’**. We will have a car and a trailer in our parade/float provided by member Lorna Baillie. T-shirts will be organised for those who want to purchase and wear on the day as per last year. Funds and sponsors will be looked into. Lots of staff have offered their assistance- very much appreciated! **Gala Committee Meetings- Monday 26th February 9am-1pm! Monday the 4th March 9am-1pm!**
* **AOB**- Laura advised that Morgan, a member of staff at Carluke Leisure Centre is completing her Dissertation as a Social Work student and is looking for 2 volunteers to be interviewed as parents of children with Autism. Discussing what support/services there is in the Community. Laura has completed her interview, Vee has volunteered- **1 more volunteer needed**. Morgan also related to Chair Laura that staff at Carluke Leisure Centre are being trained in ASN Awareness and how to deliver sport opportunities for ASN children and families. Morgan also posed a question for FOVP- **What do we want from SLC Leisure?** Suggestions by those present included once a month an ASN Bouncy Castle/Inflatable Session, twice a month close off the shallow end of pool for ASN children and families...let Chair Laura know any ideas/comments/suggestions via WhatsApp group and she will pass on. Deputy Head Teacher Kirsty asked if FOVP would be willing to fund hoodies for our **P7** **Leavers**- we of course said yes. More details to follow.

Next meeting of FOVP will take place on **14th** **of March at 1pm.** Mark in your diaries!