

# FOVP Parent Council Minutes

24<sup>th</sup> of October 2024

## Attendees

Laura, Vee, Christine, Anna, Jo, Claire, Amy and Sally.

Kirsty – Head teacher, Leeanne- Depute Head Teacher.

Apologies- Lauren, Suzanne, Seonaid, Jen and Murray.

## Minutes of Meeting

### Head Teachers Report

#### PEF Fund-

- PEF stands for Pupil Equity Fund. The Scottish Government awards Schools a budget to spend. A small portion of that (£4,483) is used by the School as follows- to provide opportunities and experiences for targeted children, that is children who fall under PEF criteria and who really would benefit from the activities/resources provided by the School utilising the fund.
- Using part of the PEF fund the Schools Sensory Room is having a revamp. The company Space Kraft have visited the School and have digitally redesigned the room. With intent to move forward with the upgrade. There will be sound speakers and a Bubble Tube to name a few of the fabulous new additions planned. Staff will be trained in how to use all the new equipment from the company. The company also had a look at the soft play and are going to restyle and redesign this area as well. This will include speakers and lights. The total cost of the upgrade of both the Sensory and Softplay rooms will be around £35,000 and that will be taken from the PEF Fund.

#### Rebound Therapy

- Rebound Therapy within the school is up and running. Set up in the School Gym Hall, Teachers and Support Staff have been trained and they will be taking over the sessions. Money for extra resource is regarding this will be taken from the PEF Fund.
- There are new heat reflecting window screens in each class upstairs, which has made a huge difference already. The school are looking to get two extra fobs for Room 5 and Room 7.
- EVIDENCE will replace GLOW. This new way of communicating, getting pictures and updates etc will first be trailed on a pilot group after Christmas with a view to rolling out to all parents and carers in April and June 2025.
- More parents and carers have signed up to use Parents Portal. The school minutes from the meetings will be on it, as well as all other relevant information.

### Treasury

- Anna, our Treasurer has been getting the books balanced and amount calculated and we will minute this at the next meeting. An independent auditor has been asked to verify these and has been contacted by Anna. It was agreed by Headteacher, Depute Head Teacher and the Parent Council that disclosing and discussion of the School funds will not be shared on the WhatsApp group. The Victoria Park WhatsApp group has been created as a Victoria Park General forum. There needs to be perhaps another chat or group created specifically for the Parent Council where confidential and important Council matters can be discussed. The amount in the FOVP school fund will be relayed and minuted at the next meeting.

### Fundraising

- Linda Martin (School Support Assistant) is keen to have a fundraising event again to raise funds for the School. Perhaps there should be an offshoot group of the PC that is specifically for fundraising and Linda would liaise with us on this.

### Gala Day

- After the success of our Gala Day entry ideas poster, which was available on parents evening for parents/carers and staff to put up any themes or ideas of what we could do for Victoria Parks Gala theme for next year- the Parent Council voted on the top three ideas. They are as follows-
- Traditional Tales
- Inside Out
- Jurassic Park

Annie, the Teacher from Room 4 will make up sensory boxes for each of the children to then choose their favourite out of 3 shortlisted options.

### Makaton

- Chris one of the Speech and Language Therapists within the School is keen to get a Makaton session organised for parents/carers. It will probably be after January 2025 that this will be organised and it could be both online and in person sessions.

### Hear My Music

- We will have Ruth from Here My Music, which has been funded by South Lanarkshire council, in School until March 2025. She will be in rooms 7-8. More music instruments for the whole school will be bought using the PEF fund.

### Cost of the School Day

- The School is going to make up a calendar of events to see what we are spending money on. There has been a donation of clothes/uniforms to the School from the local Tesco store.

### Participatory Budget

- School trips will be funded from the PEF budget. There will be an e-mail sent to school staff asking for some trip ideas. The school trips will be for all children but may happen in individual classes. All trips need to be booked through a Central School system. Leeanne DHT is keen for some classes to attend local coffee mornings, there is one in Kirkton Church. The School is aiming for a trip to local Tesco's also. Leeanne will carry out risk assessments of these of these suggestions in due course.

## Halloween 🎃

- Anna on behalf of the Parent Council has gotten a gift for each child in the School, that is Halloween themed! For every Classroom there are Halloween resources that include sensory play materials, also supplied by the PC. Lauren, Vee and Lauren's big girl Rhianne decorated the garden for Halloween, although I fear the Trick or Treat banner may have blown away in the wind! Kirsty the HT and Leeanne the DHT extended their thank you to the Parent Council for the spooky gifts, Halloween resources and decorations.

## Menshed and Grant

- DHT Leeanne has been in touch with Carlukes Menshed. They are very keen to make and design Sensory boxes for the Garden. Eileen Logan and Lindsey Hamilton, local Councillors would also like to apply for a Community Grant of £500 for the School.

## Making A Difference

- Deputy Head Teacher Leeanne has been in touch with Make a Difference group. They are keen to come into the School and do a Christmas sensory story for each class and they are hoping to come into school on the **13<sup>th</sup> of December**.

## AOB

- A parent inquired about use of the Participatory Budget to fund more Yoga Balls for each Classroom, extra wipes for each Classroom and a specific bike resource for the Playground. HT Kirsty advised that wipes will not be taken from the budget as school cannot maintain wipes for everyone. Each individual child supplies their own wipes. Each classroom has yoga balls that are brought out when appropriate. The bike resource was put to a vote and it is a no for now however we will revisit next time. Kirsty noted that the playground area will be a focus for the school next session.
- Parent Council member Amy stated that as a new Primary One parent, she feels that there have been updated rooms and facilities within the School that the children can use and have access to that she and potentially other parents/carers, perhaps weren't aware on the P1 visit prior to the Summer holidays. A new presentation offered to new parents that highlights all facilities and areas of School would be beneficial. Currently there is a virtual tour of the School on the School website and these are updated annually.
- Head Teacher Kirsty has put the school forward for a Success Looks Different Award with focus on last years Gala Day Entry and win.

The next FOVP meeting will be on the **28<sup>th</sup> of November at 1pm**.

**The Brew and Blether for the entire school will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November.**

See you all there!