



FOVP Parent Council Minutes – AGM 2025-26

19th September 2025

Friends of Victoria Park Group	
<u>Attendees</u> Kirsty McKellar – Headteacher Amy Clark – P2 Parent Laura Brown – P2 & P7 Parent Victoria MacLeod – P4 Parent Karen Pottinger – P1 Parent Lesley Eschelauer – P2 Parent Leeanne Inglis – Depute Head Teacher Jennifer Staples – P2 Parent	<u>Apologies</u> Danielle McCormack – P6 Parent
Minutes of Meeting	
Kirsty welcomed everyone to the meeting, our AGM for the session. <u>School Update:</u> - Kirsty advised of the progress that has been made in the school over the last 3 years of the school improvement plan and discussed the priorities for the 2025-26 School Quality Improvement Plan. A copy of the School Improvement plan was provided for each of the attendees. School Quality Improvement Plan 2025-26 <i>Priority 1 – To refresh school vision, values and school badge in order to reflect the school's current direction and purpose.</i> - Kirsty advised that it is a good time for the school to reflect on our vision and values and indeed our school badge. Further opinions will be sought on this from the full school community. <i>Priority 2 – To ensure that planning for teaching and learning reflects our refreshed curriculum and reflects the individuality of our pupils.</i> - School planning being reconsidered will help us as a school to really define meeting the individualised needs of our pupils. Leanne shared the new planning document that has been created by teaching staff, that will incorporate lots of existing good practise at Victoria Park e.g. 'How to Support Me', 'How Best to Communicate with Me', Additional Support Planning, Allied Health Professional targets e.g. physio, speech and language, Behavioural Additional Support Planning and of course individualised curricular linked targets of learning. These plans will be created for each pupil and updated each term with new targets. <i>Priority 3 – To establish consistent assessment practices which will allow teachers to have valid and reliable judgements of pupil progress. To establish consistent reporting practices which will give key information to all stakeholders about pupil progress, development needs and supports required.</i>	



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- Kirsty updated everyone on the use of Evisense and BSquared to share pupil achievements and moving forward teachers will share daily news about learning in class.
- Kirsty advised that Victoria Park is part of a Reporting Group Pilot that is looking at how schools are reporting to parents. As part of the pilot, we will be looking at how we ensure that we fulfil our reporting requirements.

Priority 4 – To develop staff skills in providing a bespoke curriculum which meets the complex learning needs of our learners.

- Kirsty updated everyone on the new sensory room that is being installed. We are just waiting to hear when it will get started but should definitely be finished by next summer at the latest.
- Kirsty advised of the Inclusion project being provided by 'Hear my Music' our music therapy specialist that visited throughout last year. Ruth will return to work with a group of children from both Victoria Park School and High Mill Primary School.
- Kirsty reminded everyone of the great links that we have with the Speech and Language Therapists. They have sent a letter out to all parents/carers offering advice and support at any time e.g. visuals, advice on how to help with communication barriers being faced.
- Although we have many skilled and experienced members of staff working in our school, we are always looking at ways to further develop our skills and expertise in meeting the complex needs of our pupils. This session Kirsty has arranged for online training to be available for all staff in the school through Hirstwood Training. There are many topics focused on Autism, meeting sensory needs, providing the right sensory environment and many more topics.
- With the great success of last year's Christmas trip to Valley View for pupils, parents, carers and staff, it has been booked again for this year. Laura confirmed that FOVP will pay for all of the children that will visit Santa. Parents will be asked for £5 to cover the cost of their ticket. Kirsty confirmed that the school will organise and fund transport by bus for pupils, staff and some parent helpers. Parents not travelling on the bus with the school can still attend and meet us at Valley View to enjoy the experience.

Office Bearers

- Chairperson – Many thanks to Laura Brown for her support over the last 2 years as chairperson of the FOVP group.

Amy Clark will take on the role of Chairperson. *Nominated by Jen Staples and seconded by Victoria Macleod.*

- Secretary – Many thanks to Victoria Macleod for her efforts as secretary over the last year. Victoria will remain secretary for the group. *Nominated by Jen Staples and seconded by Lesley Eschenlauer.*

- Treasurer – Many thanks to Anna Wright who has kept track of all our spending and supported our FOVG. Session 25-26 will see Jen Staples taking on the role of Treasurer. *Nominated by Victoria MacLeod and Amy Clark.*



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- Laura asked if the school would be providing Christmas cards/items as per previous years. Kirsty advised that this will be organised shortly. Leeanne to check the submission date for the children's artwork.
- Leeanne asked if it would be possible for the FOVP group to fund the purchase of some second hand iphones for staff to use when capturing learning and activities for Evisense. Jen advised that she knows someone that sells reconditioned phones – Jen to get an idea of the cost of 8 phones for the school. It was suggested that we could ask parents if they had any old phones that they would like to donate to the school or ask on the Facebook community page for any donations.
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The next FOVP meeting will be on the **Friday 3rd October @ 1pm**

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Future Meetings:

- Friday 24th October @ 1pm
- Friday 21st November @ 1pm
- Friday 12th December @ 1pm