



## FOVP Parent Council

### Meeting Minutes

**12.12.2025**

#### • **Attendees:**

- Kirsty McKellar- Head Teacher
- Danni McCormack
- Karen Devlin- note taker

#### • **Welcome:**

Kirsty welcomed and thanked all for attending.

#### • **Update from Kirsty:**

##### - **Update on sensory room:**

A date has now been set for the installation of 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

Kirsty showed us the plan for the room which looks brilliant.

There will be

- A new bubble machine
- Coloured LED's all around the room
- Sound activated star
- UV lights (for the glow toys)
- Blue tooth speaker to play music
- A hoisted soft area for non ambulant children
- An infinity tunnel
- New balls for the soft play downstairs

The new flooring is already down in the room, and the hope is the room will be completed quickly before the February break.

There will also be a new blue tooth speaker getting installed in every classroom and the soft play too.

- A large musical touch pad from the old sensory room will be relocated to the soft play as more appropriate there.
- Room 5 needed new flooring- funding for this has now been approved and awaiting an installation date.

**- Update on school office:**

- New manned times for the office will be 08:45-15:15. Parents should call during those times.

This is due to changes in working hours and brings the opening times in line with the other schools in South Lanarkshire.

Kirsty has advised that a lot more parents are emailing in now, and she will share the email addresses again in the newsletter.

**- Child Protection Policy:**

- Kirsty and Leeanne are working on a new child protection policy
- The draft of this will be shared with parents soon to gather their views and input
- There is a new visual of who is responsible for Child Protection within the school and this has been displayed on the office windows and on the taxi collection doors.

**- Friends of Victoria Park:**

- Still not enough parents attending the meeting to nominate a new chair for Parents council.

Kirsty discussed that we could go back to being a Friends of Victoria Park group rather than a Parents council which all present were happy with.

Kirsty has created a document that she will share that shows what a Friends of Victoria Park group will look like/ their responsibilities.

Hopefully more parents can attend in the new year as Kirsty would like more parents so that all the rooms have representation.

**- Upcoming School Activities:**

- Sensory stay and play is planned for Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December
- Santa is coming into the school on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December
- Planned Sports Day stay and play on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February. This is to celebrate Gordon Douches who is running an Ultra Marathon that day to fundraise for FOVP.

The plan is that this will take the form of a sports day and probably be in the school hall.

- Summer Sports Day

Kirsty hoping this will be an indoor one this year to prevent on the day cancellations due to weather.

Kirsty approaching Carluke Leisure Centre.

- Santa trip to Valley View went very well and all but two children were able to attend which is great.

- All parents and children had fun and agreed that this should be planned again next year.

- Transport via the buses went well, the council kindly agreed to send 3 blue buses so that the children who normally use these buses could be transported there in the way that they are used to. Then a coach took the remaining staff and children.

- Make a Difference Scotland (a Scottish Christian youth and Children's Ministry) visited on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December and spent time in room 8.

This was very successful and all the children were very engaged and loved it. They had a powerpoint presentation and had learned some Christmas signs so that they could engage with the children.

They also did some Magic Tricks and the children and staff thought it was a very valuable experience and hope that the team can come visit again.

Previously Kirkton church used to provide this kind of education experience and the hope is that this can happen again in future, Leslie Ewing is now in charge of the church.

- **High Mill Nativity**

- Room 8 attended this and some other children from across the school who staff believed would enjoy the experience.

Kirsty said the Room 8 children did an amazing job and sang and signed some songs during the performance.

Kirsty taught some of the High Mill children some Christmas signs which they loved and she plans to teach them all how to sign a full song next year.

- **Refresh of Schools Vision and Values**

- This was sent out in the children's bags and had limited responses.

- Kirsty would like more responses and so will give the opportunity to do this after the Festive Stay and Play by having some posters on the wall to allow responses to be recorded.

## **AOB.**

None- Kirsty will advise of next meeting dates for 2026 and will send out a Winter newsletter.

