



FOVP

Record of Meeting

13.02.2026

Attendees:

- Kirsty McKellar- Head Teacher
 - Danielle
 - Victoria
- Karen- note taker

• Welcome:

Kirsty welcomed and thanked all for attending.

• Update from Kirsty:

- School Badge.

We have had quite a few badge ideas from pupils which is great.

We have had a brilliant design done by the Pupil's voice group and so Kirsty is going to send this one onto the council.

They'll ensure that the design is one that is clear enough to be printed and make any necessary amendments and then Kirsty will share the finished design with everyone and the plan is that the new badge will be on the uniform for the new school year.

Kirsty would like to introduce black jumpers as an option too.

Update on staffing:

There were 26 applicants for the 2 new teaching posts that were advertised.

Interviews will take place on Thursday 19th February with 8 interviews arranged.

The 2 new supply teachers Lewis and Leah continue to support in the school.

There is currently one teacher off on long term sickness and the Council have no spare supply teachers they can provide.

This has meant some staffing change in room 9/ room 4 to ensure consistency of staff in those rooms as much as possible. Impacted parents have been notified of any changes to their child's teachers.

- Gala day meeting

This went ahead on Friday 6th February and was a successful meeting.

Victoria Park and High Mill have agreed that the theme will be Scotland and there were lots of ideas about what this could look like from Nessie to football.

We think this will be a very popular theme.

The next meeting will be on 13th March so please attend if you want to get involved.

- Update on planned activities:

Kirsty sent out the Calendar of Events and some of these activities have now started.

- Room 1 have started their visits to New Lanark Soft Play which they have all enjoyed
- Room 5 have been to Jump Gymnastics and had a brilliant time
- After Easter Room 3, 7 and 9 will be starting their trips out.
- Flip out plans under way for P7 leavers.

- Leaver Hoodies have been ordered and expected soon. Kirsty advised that next year these will be ordered at the start of the school year so that pupils can wear them for the entire school year (this seems to be what other schools are now doing too).

Update on Sensory Room/ Soft Play renovations:

These works have now been completed.

Kirsty plans a grand opening of the fully renovated Sensory Room next Friday (20th February) which is also the day of 'Let's get moving with Gordon' event in the school.

There will be a balloon arch and ribbon cutting ceremony (which will be done by Kirsty and the oldest and youngest pupil in the school).

There will be an opportunity for parents to look around the new Sensory room when they attend on the Friday so they can see how great it looks, and Kirsty will share some photos too.

Sounds systems have now been installed in all the rooms and the staff can connect to this via phone/laptop.

Everyone has been loving having the sound system in the soft play and the children have enjoyed playing music, and the new lights.

They have also got new balls for the ball pool in there which have been well received.

Monetary Donations to the school:

Kirsty shared that there has been great news this week about community donations to the school and additional funds allocated by the inclusion team.

- Kirsty has recently shown the new head of inclusion around the school and told her about her plans to renovate the courtyard/playground.

This week she was given positive news that an additional £12,000 has been allocated to the school and will be used for this renovation.

Kirsty and Leeanne plan to apply for other grants to supplement this donation so that improvements can be made to the playground- a grass area/synthetic grass, an inground trampoline and a trampoline that can accommodate wheel chairs are the first ideas.

- Carluke Masonic Lodge have kindly donated £500 and an anonymous doner from the local area gave £250 to be used towards school trips. These very kind donations will be used on school trips.

Mobile Device Policy and Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy:

We spent time reviewing both these documents and sharing views.

Kirsty intends to put the draft of Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy- Guide for parents onto Parents Portal.

These will need to be approved by the council but once they are they will be published on the website.

Fundraising Plans:

- 'Let's get moving with Gordon' event is Friday 20th February to celebrate Gordon, one of our Room 1 parents running an ultra marathon on this day.

Kirsty will share a reminder of times on parents portal.

There will be a donation bucket on the day of you still want to donate in cash and the online fundraising went very well with over £1000 donated. Plan for this money to be used for communication boards in the playground.

- The next Gala day meeting on 13th March will discuss some joint fundraising ideas with High Mill- this will be specifically for Gala Day
- The plan is to have a sponsored school walk in May. We'll have a theme and raise some money for FOVP- ideas for the walk location are Lanark Loch or James Hamilton Heritage Park as both are smaller than Strathclyde Park and a more achievable distance for our children.

AOB.

As discussed at the last few meetings, lower numbers of parents attending these meetings have meant that we cannot run as a parent's council.

The plan is to continue as a Friends of Victoria Park Group and operate in that way so we can still have meetings and fundraise. Please come along to the next meeting if you are interested.