

Parent Council Minutes - 13th May 2021

Present

Farrah Bett, Robert Beveridge, Eleanor Ewbank, Mark Hill, Lorna Parry, Danielle Smith, Jane Stewart, Claire Templeman, Isla Williams, Richard Winfield,

Apologies

Lorrain Chambers, Fiona Moran, Katrina McKnight

1. Actions from last meeting

Mark and Danielle confirmed they have put together a partial wish list for expenditure with some costings.

- The list contains some gardening tools, storage for the tools and netting for the vegetable plot.
- The school would also like more seating for the big playground.
- The school are pricing up a range of books for the discovery den (looking at books around self-esteem and building resilience)
- End of term parties - the parent council agreed it would be acceptable to pay £5 per head for each class.

Claire confirmed the nursery put a post on Facebook about the ongoing issues with vandalism at the nursery. Mark mentioned he has chatted to the community police and the school and nursery are a priority route for patrols. Mark also confirmed he has been in touch with the Council with regards to getting new CCTV and are on a waiting list.

The Usborne Book Sales took place just before the Easter holidays and through the sale of books the school got £90 worth of free books which P7 helped to choose. The school will consider using Usborne Books again for parent's evenings etc.

2. Parent Rep Feedback

Year group	Feedback	Response
Nursery	What is happening with transition?	The school have set up a transition webpage and there are some teddy bear picnics planned as well as buddy google meet sessions. The children are also getting the opportunity to visit the p1 playground once the school day is over and all the children are very positive about transition.
P2	Lack of P.E.	Mark confirmed all classes should receive 2hrs of PE a week and Mark has reminded staff of this. There is currently a P.E. specialist coming in to the school on Mondays. As of Monday 17 th May some limited PE can take place inside. Yoga is not part of P.E. but it is part of wellbeing and it's up to individual teachers how they fit it in around the class and what they're doing.
P5	Lack of homework	Mark apologised about this and confirmed all classes will get homework from next week.

Year group	Feedback	Response
P5 continued	Poor standard of school lunches	This is an ongoing issue amongst the year groups. Mark confirmed that Tracey Walker at FM Catering would welcome feedback. Action – Mark to pass on contact details for Tracey Walker to Isla so it can be emailed to parent class reps.
	Sports day	The school are unable to do a full sports days with all classes together but they will hold individual class spots days and have another class out to spectate/cheer to provide atmosphere. The P.E. specialist is looking into options.
	Swimming lessons	It is hoped swimming lessons will resume for next year's P6's.
P6	When can class bubbles mix	Under the current guidance there are no plans to mix bubbles. If and when the guidance changes the school will make changes to the current bubble system.
	School extension	The school has not heard anything about a possible extension (funded via planning gain as part of the Seven Sisters Field housing development). Any correspondence regarding this would go directly to the Council.
P7	Transition	The High School have put materials about transition online and they are hoping to get some dates in the diary for face-to-face visits between the 16 th -18 th June. There is a transition group meeting at the High School this week (w/c 10 th May) so they will let Cambusbarron Primary know more about arrangements.
	P7 party	Class parties were discussed in item 1 of the agenda under expenditure. Unfortunately it will not be possible to have all P7 classes together for a party unless the guidance on mixing bubbles changes so for the time being it will need to be individual class parties.

3. Treasurers Update

Current in bank = £5,367.14

Deposited cheque on 12th May for £80.71 (Easy fundraising)

Total monies = £5,447.86

£1.5K to come off from expenditure identified in expenditure in section 1 above. This will still leave about £4K in the bank.

4. FREG update

Nothing to offer this term based on what can and can't do with covid restrictions. Don't want to do any more virtual events. FREG may try and do a resolution run after the summer holidays.

5. Nursery update

- Transition activities detailed above (in section 2).
- Guidance is not coming out until the middle of June for next year's session, the nursery hope it'll be normal sessions and not bubbles. Therefore not been able to confirm places for next year with new starts and those returning until know what the guidance says.
- Nursery are planning to do a sports day for their nursery bubbles.
- The nursery are putting together a little CD of photos for the children moving up to P1.
- There was a discussion around whether or not it might be possible to do something like a tea-towel with all the children's drawings on it for those children that are finishing nursery.

Action: Claire to look into the possibility of producing a nursery tea-towel with the children's drawings on it for those kids moving into P1.

6. School update

- In conversation about class make-up and staffing. Waiting to hear back about the 3 teachers that will be coming back from maternity leave after the summer and their working pattern. The school will hopefully have this information soon.
- The school are currently undertaking a number of self –valuations and are currently looking at the Standards and Quality report just now. The school will share this on the website once done.
- Despite lockdown the school has made progress in digital skills, outdoor learning, planning and tracking (attainment).
- Key priorities to take forward next year will be outdoor learning, health and wellbeing and looking at writing from nursery to P7 (Framework for Writing).
- P7 have got some extended days at Dounans and will be undertaking Columba 1400 Leadership Academy as part of their transition activities. Information about this has been sent out to parents.
- A complaint was raised by Cambusbarron Parent Group to Post Office about elastic bands. If anyone knows who that is please email the school.

Action: If anyone knows who the Cambusbarron Parent Group is please email the school.

7. Parent Connect Network meeting

Farrah attended on Tuesday 11th May. There were three main topics:

Mental Health – council want to emphasis mental health. There are counsellors (Rooky Minds) for any child that wanted it and is 10 years or older.

Danielle confirmed that Annie supports Cambusbarron Primary and is just looking at P6 kids at moment. She wouldn't start with P7 as when they go to High School they will get a different counsellor. There will be no counselling sessions over the summer holidays.

Farrah mention that the Council said counsellors (6 will be available) for over the summer holidays and information would be sent out to the school.

Phase 2 of the mental health work would be to extend and offer up to younger kids.

Funding for Nurturing Spaces for Primary Schools – Farrah mentioned there is funding for develop nurturing space. Danielle confirmed the school are putting in an application.

Buddy system – if covid restrictions change then buddies should be chosen. The school and nursery confirmed that this is already in place. The children that will be moving up to P1 can see what buddies are in their house group. If guidance changes they will do some face to face buddying. Claire also confirmed that the nursery children have a buddy book which they ask can questions to the buddies. The nursery children are also planning to hide some things around the playground for their buddies to find so it is as interactive as it can be under the current restrictions.

8. Dates of AGM and Parent Council meetings

The dates below were all agreed for the next round of meetings and the AGM. All the meetings will take place on a Thursday night at 1900hrs.

- 16th September
- AGM - 30th September
- 18th November
- 24th February 2022
- 12th May 2022

9. AOB

There was a discussion as to whether or not class photos could be undertaken especially for the children moving up from nursery to P1 and those moving from P7 to High School. Mark confirmed the guidance states that no-one who is not essential staff are allowed on to the school or nursery premises. Therefore a photographer would not be allowed to take photos, even if they were done outside. Richard mentioned that his wife might be happy to take photos of the individual kids and put it in a collage as she had done this last year for the P7 Class. Danielle also mentioned that Ms Pollock (P7 teacher) is doing a year book so she may be able to do a collage of photos for children in P7.

Action - Danielle to look into whether or not Ms Pollock can put together a photo collage of the P7's.

10. Summary of Actions

- Action 1: – Mark to pass on contact details for Tracey Walker to Isla so it can be emailed to parent class reps.
- Action 2: Claire to look into the possibility of producing a nursery tea-towel with the children's drawings on it for those kids moving into P1.
- Action 3: If anyone knows who the Cambusbarron Parent Group is please email the school.
- Action 4: Danielle to look into whether or not Ms Pollock can put together a photo collage of the P7's.

The next meeting will take place on the 16th September 2021 at 1900hrs.

