

Parent Council Meeting – 18th November 2021

Present

Farrah Bett, Robert Beveridge, Mark Hill, Claire Templeman, Isla Williams, Richard Winfield, Fiona Moran, Laura Robertson, Danielle Smith, Jane Stewart, Lisa Nicol

Agenda

1. Actions from last meeting

All actions are complete

2. Parent rep feedback

Class	Feedback	Response
Nursery	A parent asked if something could be done about dogs being tied up right outside school entrances, including the path down to the nursery.	Communications been sent out about this to school parents via the newsletter and nursery will mention it in their next newsletter.
	The slabs that run between the nursery building and the dinner hall are uneven, and several parents have complained about little ones falling over. Can these be fixed some-how?	Looking into the issue with health & safety rep and will feed back
	The drainage on the path near the nursery and the sheds and at the bottom of the ramp entrance are really poor, and flood if it rains. Can this be looked at and improved?	Drains are prone to getting blocked so janitor is going to monitor that. Nursery recommend that during the winter/cold months children wear wellies when walking to and from nursery with a pair of inside shoes to swap into once they get to nursery. We can make sure that children are wearing their wellies when going home again.
P3	What teacher is going to be doing the parent evening feedback for p3? Who exactly is best placed to do this?	Ms Vass and correspondence has been sent out to parents
	What are the current teaching arrangements for p3? They have Ms Vass in Mrs Leitch's absence but they've also been getting Mr Bough and another supply teacher.	Same as above. Ms Fowley does the cover for the mccrone non-teaching time (2.5hrs a week). Mrs Leitch – no date for return at present.
	Why couldn't siblings have school photos taken together when other schools (e.g. St Ninians) were allowed to do this? Twins who are in the same class weren't given the option to even get a photo together.	School followed guidance which clearly said no sibling photos. In terms of twins in the same class this wasn't allowed because of equity to other sibling groups unable to get a photo together
	Do kids have access to painting aprons/old shirts for messy art work? If not, would you like parents to send these in for the children?	If teacher felt there was a need for an apron would message out to parents otherwise teachers should have resources in class. Paint is water soluble so should wash out easily.

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	Issues with regards to pupil/parent safety on St Ninians Rd regarding the recent spate of accidents.	Mr Hill has spoken with community council. There are ongoing discussions with council by community council and residents. The recent spate of accidents are being investigated and police are tracking speed. Council will then explore mitigation measures.
P6	Issues with regards to pupil/parent safety on St Ninians Rd regarding the recent spate of accidents.	See above
	Any update on swimming for P6's?	Catch-up timetable in place. P6 swimming will take place twice a week from middle of January. Swimming will be at the Peak. Has been confirmed that P5 swimming will be held next academic year when they are P6.
	Any update on school and FREG Christmas plans?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas party lunch and dress down day on 15th December. • Classes will have individual Christmas parties at some point in December – class Teachers will communicate. . • P1 & P2 going to do a nativity story and looking at permissions around that and hopefully be able to share that. • Virtual pantomime coming in. • Cambusbarron Christmas bedtime stories – staff or community members reading a Christmas story. Will do in the run up to Christmas • Christmas 'design a tree' fundraised with the Co-op. Trees created in school and £1 to enter competition – all cash comes to school /nursery. Prizes for 4 announced 22nd Dec
	Sexual health discussions - are there any plans	The school follow the sexual health programme and will give parents advance warning about content. Usually do it in term 3.
P7	<p>Can you update us on what is happening with the P7 hoodies, do we have a rough idea of when we will order these and what P7 fundraising activities are planned?</p> <p>For the P7 transition will P7 pupils be able to visit the high school?</p>	<p>Fundraising is ongoing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candy Cane Post – delivering candy canes and messages to kids in school. • A virtual talent show. • P7 requested from PC £30 for purchasing candy canes. • Hoody's would be distributed early 2022. • Could PC also contribute some money towards the hoody's?

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	For the P7 transition will P7 pupils be able to visit the high school? What about parents?	Planning for a p7 transition similar to pre-covid but have to wait and see what covid guidelines say. 15/16/17 June pupil in school transition days (based on current covid guidelines being lifted) If guidelines lifted parents could go in on 17 th June too. Transition website to be sent out to parents.
	Have the school had any correspondence from the council about the seven sisters housing development and any school refurbishment work?	No. School always find out much further down the line. School got capacity for the next few years.

3. Treasurers update

- Balance is £1,404.23.
- Some money (£95) from Halloween event still to go in.
- The Parent Council agreed to pay out £30 for the P7 candy cane post and to contribute £10 per head for the P7 hoody's.

4. FREG update

- The Halloween events raised £95. The leftover sweets will be used to make sweet hampers for the Christmas raffle.
- Art completion – 23 entries. Hope to do something similar in the New Year - maybe some sort of design competition (e.g. design a bridge)
- Christmas raffle – selling tickets online using jumble bee (£1 a ticket). This will go live at the end of November and will be live for 3 weeks. FREG will be asking parents for hamper donations.
- FREG are considering whether to hold a resolution run in the New Year.

5. School update

- Running Book Week as part of reading schools accreditation. There have been various activities including live author sessions, reading café's and a bookmark competition.
- The school have invested in updating their Maths resources and have invested in Heinemann Active Maths (print and online).
- Outdoor learning – got grab bags for the teachers (everything staff would need for outdoor learning). Some training sessions in December/January around literacy with Learning through Landscapes.
- Staffing is a challenge around PCR testing. The school are working hard to minimise disruption.

- There will be Music and P.E. Specialist's coming into the school in term 4. Currently got a Music Specialist with P1. Music tuition team back in the building.
- Upper school – got member of Scottish parliament coming in to talk about democracy
- Purchased school cloud to support parents night. Will ask for feedback afterwards.

6. Nursery update

- Nursery – plan to hold a Christmas party and have lots of Christmas themed activities in the lead up to Christmas.
- New support worker (Elaine) joining on a Wednesday Elaine to cover lunch breaks as this is the busiest day. There are two new students (Rachel and Lorraine)
- Schools parents meetings are w/c 22 November.
- Successful sibling and play session were held at end of last term. Another session booked for December.
- Can now do parental engagement activities outdoors – going to do a forest Friday play session
- Started Play on Pedals session
- Change in the way nursery do their planning – now using the Play in Learning Framework as more play based so deemed more beneficial for the children.
- Stirling Council piloting the funding for delayed referral to school so any children in the nursery that have a deferred entry will be eligible for that funding from August 2022.
- Got funding via outdoor learning grant to support a new greenhouse and planting. Sadly it got vandalised. Need to fundraise for replacement. Mr Hill mentioned that the Community Council have said they may be able to help fund a new greenhouse

Action – nursery and the school to consider fundraising options and explore with the community council funding.

7. Vandalism issues

- School quite open compared to other schools which are more fenced and gated. Community Police know about the recent vandalism and the school/nursery are now on their patrol patch.
- CCTV not working and it needs replaced. The Council are aware of this and they have a Council meeting next week about budgets and CCTV on the list.

8. AOB

- The school are hoping to set up a Welly Bank and will be contacting parents to ask if old wellies that are still in reasonable condition could be donated to the school.

- No permanent janitor assigned to the school. Lollipop man on holiday this week and back next week
- Danielle asked if there was anyone in the parent body who has a skill in filming/editing that can help with filming for the P1/2 nativity.

9. Next meeting – 24th February 2022
Zoom joining details: 234 – 336 – 1675