

Parent Council Meeting – 24th February 2022

Present

Farrah Bett, Emma Beveridge, Mark Hill, Isla Williams, Richard Winfield, Laura Robertson, Emma Archibald, Danielle Smith, Lisa Nicol, Isabelle Smit

Apologies

Claire Templeman, Jane Stewart, Fiona Moran

Agenda

1. Update from Council on capacity issues re new development in the area – Isabelle Smit

Council projections, taking into consideration the phasing of the developments, highlight that capacity would be reached by August 2025/26

The School Infrastructure team within the Council have put in bid to council to look at the options appraisal phase – e.g. need to see if current site can be extended or if new site would be needed. There will be extensive consultation with all the stakeholders (school, parents, pupils etc) and the options appraisal will also take into account travel to school.

Action: Isabelle will let us know if bid successful and will update the Parent Council in September with how work is progressing.

Action: Mark to provide an update to the whole parent council body on the planned work.

2. Minutes from last meeting

There was an action from the last minutes for the nursery and the school to consider fundraising options and explore with the community council funding. Isabelle was going to price up a replacement for the greenhouse.

Action: Mark going to follow up the action to look at funding options for the greenhouse with Isabelle at the nursery.

3. Parent Rep feedback

Class	Feedback	Response
Nursery	What are the current plans for the pupils transitioning from nursery to P1?	Kids will have an in person transition this year.
	What is happening with the Credit Union?	The Credit Union still not allowed in schools but hopefully that will change in near future. Parents can still access accounts and pay into them. Action: Mark – to send out information to the parent community about the Credit Union

	There are still concerns about drainage of the path outside the nursery.	Drain works but does get clogged - it's been added to the janitors maintenance list. If there's any accidents on the path to/from nursery please let the nursery know so they can log it.
P1	Can children get physical reading books instead of using the online material?	RWI is how we teach kids with their reading. The school doesn't have enough physical resources to send books home. The RWI e-books correlate with the books they're doing in school. If parents don't have access to a computer to view the books they are welcome to contact the school and the school can try and provide a chrome book to use or look at fundraising options for purchasing more chrome books to borrow..
P3	Safety concerns on St Ninians Rd was discussed at the Community Council and a representative from Council highlighted this should be mentioned in the school travel plan.	School travel plan gets updated before summer and this will be added in. Action: Mark to speak to high school and also find out from the Council if there's someone to speak to with regards to school travel plans. Carolyn Frazer may be the contact but Mark to check. Action: Emma A. going to find out contact too through her contacts at McLaren. It was suggested by the group a safer route option might be a route through Home Farm Rd into Citizen Jeffrey Court. This could be explored in the travel plan and with the Council.
	Given the disruptions the P3 class have had over the last few years could the school give some careful thought about the P4 experience?	Staff and class make-up looked at in May/early June. Class experience considered for every year group. Composite class based on D.O.B. additional support needs and gender balance. Composite classes dictated by the number of children in the year groups.
	Are there any plans to improve the lower playground? It's looking quite tired and some of the surface is uneven.	The tyres etc can make the playground look messy but the kids love it. Looking at how can improve playground with Learning through Landscapes and one idea is to have different zones e.g. quiet areas, building areas. Going to purchase a large storage unit for storing the tyres etc when not in use. The playground surface has been inspected and it is not deemed as in need of repair at the moment.
P7	Just wondering if the P7 BBQ will be going ahead this year?	Hopefully it will go ahead but will come down to Scottish Government guidance regarding covid and schools.

4. Treasurers update

- Current balance - £2865.74
- Cheque pending - £360 (P7 Hoodies)
- **Real balance - £2505.74**

Money in since last meeting

- Cauliflower cards - £367.50
- Jumblebee (Raffle) - £1,074.45
- Easy Fundraising - £51.39
- Interest on the account - £0.17

5. FREG update

- Resolution Run raised £44.20
- A free STEM Build a Bridge currently running and going to extend the deadline for it so it can link in with British Science Week (mid March)
- Might do a silent auction as got a few prizes left over from the Christmas Fayre.
- Co-op would like to do an Easter Egg decorating competition. Co-op want it to be real eggs but going to recommend paper templates.
- FREG would like to purchase Easter Eggs for all children in the school and nursery. Everyone happy for that to come out of the Parent Council budget.
- FREG considering running a free creative writing competition in June with some other free completion possibly in September
- October – Halloween fundraiser
- Christmas – fayre/raffle

FREG wanted to know if they could run the summer fayre (would be May)? Dependent on Scottish Guidance, however can start provisionally planning for the Fayre. Mark said he would follow up with the Council.

Action: Mark to ask the Council if FREG would be allowed to run a summer fayre.

6. School update

- On the recent in-service days staff looked at revisiting school values and undertook some training on Heinemann Maths (online resource)
- Continuing work with kids with regards to cogs and our values and if we're still happy with them.
- Literacy – engaging with staff team regards quality assurance and discussions with learners re their jotters and what works for them and how they could learn better. The school have spoken with P7 and P6.
- Reading – The P4-7 books are quite outdated and the school are looking to improve these so the reading is more engaging for the pupils.. Currently doing an audit and consulting with kids about buying some new classic and contemporary novels
- Bikeability training for P5 & P6 will take place late march
- P7 Dalguise will take place in mid March.
- World Book Day – 3rd March – school holding a book fair and children can come in comfortable clothes to school.
- British Science Week is the 15th-20th March and the school will be hosting science themed activities during that week.

7. Nursery update

- New support worker, Rachel, will be working permanently 3 days a week
- School transition will be able to be in person this year
- Consulting with learners and their families on reinventing the garden

8. AOB

Farrah asked if there is anything in school for recycling school cardigans and jumpers. Richard confirmed Stirling Council had set up a preloved school clothing website and will check with Carol if it the site is still live.

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List of Actions

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Next meeting – 12th May 2022

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