

Parent Council Meeting – 12th May 2022

Present

Farrah Bett, Robert Beveridge, Isla Williams, Richard Winfield, Laura Robertson, Danielle Smith, Lisa Nicol, Claire Templeman, Mark Hill, Fiona Moran, Lorraine Chambers, Jane Stewart, Toni Swain, Tracey Millar

Agenda

1. Minutes from last meeting

- Mark still to make contact with Carolyn Frazer at the Council regarding school travel plans.
- The Stirling Council Preloved site should be going live soon.
- All other actions have been actioned.

2. FREG update

- Easter competition raised £58
- School Fayre is on the 28th May. Donations to be brought in the evening before the fayre (6pm – 8pm). Toys, games, books and preloved clothes have all been requested. Cromlix House have offered coaching session with Judy Murray on 12th June. This will be for children aged 7-10 years and they have got 10 places. There will also be lots of activities at the fayre: bouncy castle, games, fire engine etc.

3. Treasurers update

- Current balance: £2,555.35

Money spent recently:

- Hoodies – £360
- Gambling licence – £20
- Easter eggs – £132.59

4. Parent rep feedback

P1	Can we have more clarification on dojo points and can points be taken away?	Dojo points aren't taken away but can be given out to individuals or groups. Used for positive praise.
	What are Freddy Fingers?	Freddy fingers are used for Read, Write, Inc programme. Teach the children to use their Freddy Fingers to hear how many sounds they can hear in a word e.g. cat would be 3 fingers.
	Is there a behaviour policy parents could look at?	Behaviour Policy is on school website under school zone. Will promote again via newsletter
	One parent wants to highlight more communication to parents e.g. Waste Free Wednesdays and Fruity Fridays.	Information went out to parents via newsletter and seesaw. Also shared with in class.
P3	How often are the children supposed to do P.E., what activities do they do in P.E. and do they have a different teacher for P.E.	2hrs of physical activity a week. P.E. hall shared as P.E. and dining hall. P.E. specialist works with all the classes. This term got a music specialist so don't have a P.E. specialist.

		Quite broad curriculum for P.E. Focusing on athletics currently in preparation for school sports day
P6	Sexual Education discussion - parents would like to have been more prepared for the conversations.	In future school will send out the material that will be talked about in advance.

5. School update

In-service Day

- The school team explored evidence informed research from the Education Endowment fund on the most effective deployment of support staff to maximise impact for learners both working in the class and focussed support for small groups and individuals. The SLA team participated and reported a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities. The Teaching staff share best practice.
- We undertook Self Evaluation of our School Improvement Plan for 2021-22. This information, combined with the feedback we will gather from families, children and identified national and local priorities will inform our school improvement plan for 2022-23. Consultation on that will begin shortly.

Covid 19 Changes

- Staggered approach to welcoming in partners to our school to hold sessions such as science workshops, hedgehog welfare workshops, P6 Buddy training and Active Stirling sessions. This week we resumed our partnership with Reuben the Reading Dog Therapist.
- Sports Day pencilled in for 10th June. Parents welcome to join in the picnic (1215 – 1300hrs) and to stay for the afternoon races. More information about this will be sent out nearer the time.
- The Fire Service are holding a summer safety session with P1's and P7's on 24th May.
- Summer Fayre on the 28th May
- Lunches and break have returned to pre-covid times allowing all children to freely mix. A really positive step which has been supported by our SLA and catering team. It has been so lovely to see the children playing together. The staff team have also enjoyed seeing each other again at these social times.

Classes and Staffing 2022-23

- The school are expecting to have 9 classes next session - no change from this year.
- The Teaching staff picture is a little more complex. There are several plans for Teacher deployment, but these have been paused as we await confirmation from the Education Team at Stirling Council on our staffing makeup. Ms Vass has accepted an opportunity to work at another school for 1 year supporting their development. The Education Team and I are in consultation regarding this vacancy. Once staffing is confirmed class allocation will be shared with families.
- We are expecting to have composite classes (classes where more than 1 year group are combined to form a class) and Stirling Council policy states that Head-teachers have to construct their classes within the following guidance;
 1. age of children,
 2. taking into consideration the gender balance of each class
 3. additional support needs.

Once classes are confirmed information will be shared with the school community.

Transition activities

- Nursery and P7 have their own bespoke transitions which are underway. For current P1's to P6's the school are extending transition and are planning for 3 morning transitions and, where possible, children will meet their new Teacher in their new classes. The school will actively work with new staff to have them participate in this if at all possible. Children will engage in getting to know you activities, create their class charters and design some artwork for their new class. When they start after summer this will be on display. These transition sessions will be held on 1st, 8th and 15th June.

Other

- Next parent consultations w/c 6th June via school cloud. School report cards sent out week before parents meetings which are w/c 6th June.
- P7 BBQ will be going ahead again – 16th June.

6. Nursery update

Nursery Inspection

- The nursery were inspected by the care inspectorate. Two inspectors carried out a thorough inspection. Sadly in covid times there has been a trend in nursery being down-graded due to their response to the covid-19 pandemic however this has not been the case at Cambusbarron nursery who were grades 5s (very good in all inspected areas) The report is not published yet however must be within three weeks so we expect to receive it soon and will share with families when we do.

Parent Link Meetings

- Due to relaxation of covid-19 restrictions we are offering hybrid approach to parent link sessions, parents can either choose a phone call or in person session.

7. After school care/club

- There is no after school club anymore. Borestone Primary have said children can access their after school club if parents can sort out transport. Lorraine wondered if parents could arrange for a taxi/mini bus to transport pupils. The school have no issues with this and a SLA can make sure the children get into their transport.
- It was raised by Lorraine that there were no Breakfast club provisions in Cambusbarron, unlike in other schools. Mark explained it was not in the remit of the school to provide this service, but such a service could be started up by outside groups within the school grounds. Mark also mentioned that the subject of a breakfast club had been raised previously by one of the groups in the village (it was not mentioned which one), but they never got back to the school with anything.

Action: Mark said he would investigate with the Council.

Update: currently the council are not supporting the start-up of any new breakfast club for 2022/23.

8. AOB

- Farrah suggested it would be useful to have a wish list of items at the Summer Fayre on what funds could be used for. It was agreed it would be useful to use some of the funds for wet wear gear (wellies, waterproofs etc).
- House Captains will be coming to the Parent Council for a request for funding for play equipment.
- The Parent Council will be short of a nursery parent rep after the summer holidays. The nursery are going to advertise this.
- Next parent council meetings:
 - 15th September 2022
 - 29th September 2022 - AGM
 - 17th November 2022
 - 23rd February 2023
 - 11th May 2023