

Parent Council Meeting – 14th September 2023

Present

Farrah Bett, Isla Williams, Lisa Nicol, Mark Hill, Tracey Miller, Fiona Moran, Claire Templeman, Richard Windfield

Apologies

Laura Robertson, Danielle Smith,

Agenda

1. Minutes from last meeting

Action	Outcome
Action 1: Mark to look at the cost of taking the school to the pantomime at Christmas	PC will contribute towards this and school just finalising the date with the Macrobert.
Action 2: Danielle to provide Lisa with photos of the playground resources that were purchased with the grant.	Actioned in part – Lisa still to share the photos with the grant provider
Action 3: Mark to ensure that photos/videos of shared learning events shared on seesaw for those that can't make the events.	Actioned - shared on seesaw.

2. FREG update

- Halloween disco – planning to hold it on the 25th October. There will be a £3.50 admission fee which covers snack, drink and photo.
- Cauliflower cards – forms will be handed out in October and designs have to be in by start of November,
- Christmas Fayre – will take place on 25th November and format will be similar to last year.
- Resolution Run – TBC
- Recyke a Bike – would like to do some sort of event with the school. Isla suggested this could be tied in with something like cycle to school week or when the children do their Bikeability training.
- FREG are looking into the possibility of hosting a 'games night'.

3. Treasurers update

Balance at 13/09	6,624.27
Easy fundraising - to come in	86.91
Total	<u>6,711.18</u>

Money going out

Owed (trip previous school year 23rd June email)	316.17
Art materials	323
Reserved school trips	1,115

Reserved Panto (approx) 13 x 253 (10 classes - 3 support)	3,289
Total money out	<u>5,043.17</u>
<u>Spending balance</u>	<u>1,668.01</u>

Claire asked if the nursery could have some blinds which come in at £155. This was approved by the Parent Council.

4. Parent rep feedback

P1	Is it just this term that P1 (and P2) children have to come to school in their P.E. kit?	In term 2 P1 kids will change at school into their P.E. kit. It will be same for P2
	When are school photos? Will there be siblings' photos and full class pictures (many parents would like this)?	Photos will take place on 26 th October for individuals and siblings. P1 to get a full class photo and also looking into the option of a full class photo for each class.
	Christmas show. What date will this be? Are parents attending? Parents are requesting dates so they can book time off.	There is a calendar that's ready to be issued shortly to parents. The school nativity will take place on 12 th December 0945hrs and 13 th December 1345hrs. P1 and P2 parents will be welcomed at this.
P2	Has any RAAC been identified in the school?	No RAAC in any Stirling Council school buildings
	What is happening with the school re-build/extension and if this is sometime away could improvements be made in the playground.	The officers option appraisal was completed at the end of June. This along with other major education projects was due to be considered within the context of the full capital programme as part of a workshop with senior officers before going to Stirling Futures Board and then Children and Young People Committee. Unfortunately this workshop has been postponed twice, it is now scheduled to take place on 12 th October.
	Fruit not always available	<p>I have spoken with the kitchen team regarding fruit. Fruit and salad are available every day. One day last week it was noticed that the fruit had not been put out and this was rectified during the lunch service. Apologies were offered. Other than that 1 instance there has been no break in the provision of fruit.</p> <p>There will be an opportunity to feedback to Catering in November when a survey is shared for that very purpose. If parents would like to share comments before then please email the school and we will forward them on. If the issues are related to the school dining experience please also email the school and I will be happy to share these with our in-house catering team.</p>

P3	The drop off/pick up area outside the P2/3 classroom collects with rainwater in puddles when wet - can it be fixed?	The school are looking at putting in a wee channel to drain away the water so this should address the issue.
P4	Some parents are voicing that they would like to see children bringing reading books home as well as reading the books online. Some parents feel that they do more homework when they are given homework sheets to go home with. Would this be an option that could be added in?	<p>Read Write Inc books - Unfortunately we do not have enough paper resources to support sending books home for all children whilst supporting in-school learning. This is why we invested in the digital resource which, among other benefits including being an interactive resource for the children, allows families to access the resource from anywhere. Our limited paper resources are being used extensively in classes at this point. If there is an issue re accessing online homework then please contact the class Teacher who will be able to support on a case by case basis.</p> <p>As a school we will be seeking family, staff and learner feedback on homework this year and will share those results and any actions taken as a result.</p>
	Breakfast and out of school club. Any further forward on this? Many parents asking if this could start again somewhere.	Schools aren't responsible for breakfast or after school clubs. Allans Primary Parent Council have set up an after school club and this was set up as a charitable trust and they managed to secure funding. Allan Primary Parent Council happy to speak to this parent council to discuss if this is something the PC would like to explore.
P5	Is it possible to bring a chromebook home if there's just one laptop at home?	<p>Available for those that need it. Parents can contact the class teacher directly to arrange. A couple of points were raised about would this cause stigma and why do Camubusbarron not send chromebooks home for the whole class like some other schools do. Mr Hill confirmed that at the moment the school don't send Chromebooks home for all kids but the school would be happy to send out a questionnaire to parents to find out if this is something they would like.</p> <p>Action 1: School to send out a questionnaire to parents/carers to establish if they would like chromebooks sent home.</p>
	Can carers/parents be reminded not to bring dogs into the playground?	Action 2: school to send out a reminder to parents/carers that dogs are not allowed in the playground.
	Can carers/parents be reminded not to drive up to the school entrance and playground areas as it's a hazard?	Action 3 : school to send out a reminder to parents/carers about not parking by the school carpark/playground areas.
	What is the schools policy on food items that don't contain nuts but may have traces of nuts	For the school it is about minimising the risk for a young person and this may look different on a

		<p>case by case basis. Generally some steps that are taken following Stirling Council Policy;</p> <p>When notified of a child having a nut allergy we identify and take steps that will be taken to reduce the risk of accidental contact with nuts and consider the degree to which it is possible for the school/establishment to be a nut free zone. E.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raising awareness of children, young people and staff about the dangers posed by nut allergies. - Remind families and staff that food brought from home should not contain nuts or traces of nuts. - Address any staff training needs on the use of EpiPens, according to the guidance contained in the Administration of Medicines in Schools document. - Ensure medical information is shared with relevant parties and that any medical interventions / training in place. - If required a risk assessment would be put in place on a case to case basis <p>If there are any specific concerns regarding a particular child then please contact the school office.</p>
General	<p>Clarification on lunches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some parents and children seem a bit confused on how it works. For example some kids are saying if you have a soup (starter) children then cannot go and collect a green or red tray. Do they have to collect soup and main together? • Some parents are saying that their child is hungry when they come out of school. We need to get that right. • Is it also right that if you don't like any option there is a cheese roll on offer? • Do children still get offered flavoured milk? If so do parents feel this isn't needed as an option 	<p>Green Tray - options of soup and bread, snack main (sandwich), dessert, fruit and salad bar plus milk or water.</p> <p>Red Tray - Option of soup and bread, main meal choice, fruit and salad bar, milk or water</p> <p>No cheese roll on offer - packed lunch to be provided from home if children do not like that day's choice. If a child had a medically prescribed diet then we are made aware and an amended menu provided.</p> <p>Action 4: school will go round each class to remind kids how the trays work.</p> <p>Flavoured milk available on themed days. On a normal day it's just milk and water.</p> <p>Action 5: the school will create visuals of what the school meals look like that can be shared with parents/carers.</p>

5. School update

- Ms Carroll taking over duties from Ms Mcleary. Ms Mcleary last day on 19th September.
- A couple of 3rd year placement students in the school - Isla Henry is in the P6 class and Nicky Mcrae in the P7 class. They will be with the classes until the end of December.
- Staff currently undertaking behavioural training (strategies and techniques)
- It was noted there had not been a lot of communication via seesaw for the P2 and there will be more communication via seesaw for P2 going forward.

6. Nursery update

- Toni going on maternity leave at end of December and recruiting for her maternity cover
- Focusing on improvements on the both the environment and the visual environment
- Plan to do some more play and stay learning
- Staff currently undertaking training

7. AOB

- New community police officer –PC Spike
- A piece of the play apparatus on the pitch has been cordoned off as it is currently unsafe and will be fixed shortly. (This has now been fixed)

8. Dates for diary for next Parent Council meetings.

- 28th September 2023 – AGM
- 16th November 2023
- 22nd February 2024
- 16th May 2024

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