

MINUTE OF MEETING OF LAIRDSLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

LOCATION: VIA MS TEAMS

DATE: TUESDAY 1st DECEMBER 2020

TIME: 6PM

MATTERS ARISING / MINUTE OF LAST MEETING

Parent and Authority Consultation Group document – this was circulated by Nigel Rooke.

Evelyn Abernethy has been given Kirsty Greer's email address today so they can communicate about Babes in the Wood and outdoor clothing (still ongoing).

Gaynor Furie has updated the website with current Parent Council members and minutes.

Nigel Rooke has contacted the council about the uneven slabs around the school and is awaiting an update from them. Will advise when we know what's happening (still ongoing).

HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT

CORONAVIRUS – ONGOING SCHOOL LIFE

Indoor PE has had to stop again whilst we are in level 4 (parents were advised of this). School has purchased more playground equipment to help compensate for the children not being able to play contact games whilst in level 4.

Staffing – still managing to cover any staff absences in house. Maria Kerr has now been appointed to DHT (0.4). Education HQ identified Lairdland as a school that would benefit from a Family Learning Assistant (recruited and funded by EDC). Kelly Quail has been appointed to the role and will be with us on a part-time basis. It will be a flexible role / good resource to have. An early years teacher was appointed last week for the new Early Years Centre due to open early spring.

COMMUNICATION TO PARENTS / PUPIL PROGRESS

We have started to move ahead with standardised assessments and will use the results of these to help plan and identify next steps.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

Kirsty Greer is continuing to work on sourcing resources and lesson ideas. It has become apparent that staff would benefit from some CPD in outdoor learning. We have booked a trailer of equipment for w/c 7th Dec which will facilitate a mix of creative and structured activities. Letter to parents advising them of this being sent tomorrow (02/12/20).

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

A letter was sent out 01/12/20 by Maria Kerr inviting parents to volunteer to support the various committees within school. Information was given on each committee, and targets for the year and it addressed the need for us to adapt our ways on involving parents at this time.

School Book Week (w/c 23/12/20) – Read/Write/Count books for P1-P3 were distributed and most classes had a parent volunteer reading a story.

Interim Reports – sent out 30/11/20 (P6/7 sent 01/12/20). A glow form was sent out to gather the parent and pupil comments electronically.

CHRISTMAS

Looking to facilitate some fun Xmas activities. At moment we have a skeleton plan with parties in their individual classrooms. If move out of level 4 on 11th December, can maybe look to do some activities in the gym hall.

Online Panto purchased from Mugdock Country Park – children will watch this in their class bubble.

P1 Nativity – P1 are doing a specially adapted nativity in their class bubbles. This will be recorded and uploaded on to Teams for P1 parents to view.

Xmas cards – we can allow children to send cards within their classes this year, but unfortunately, not outwith their own class.

Santa – we are currently trying to arrange for Santa to do a present drop and wave outside classrooms but he can't come into the school.

Virtual Xmas Assembly / Service – lot of discussion around what could be done to involve children and parents - some suggestions and ideas put forward but still very much in the planning stages.

iPADS / LAPTOPS

PTA have funded iPads for every class and they have now arrived and been distributed. The school funded a cable for each iPad to allow them to connect up to the smartboards.

CHAIR'S REPORT

RAINBOW OF HOPE

Successful project, 8 schools took part and now ready to be installed this week in Regent Square. Should be in Town Centre for around 6 months and hopefully will encourage people into the town and support local business.

No other topics for discussion.

AGM

Nigel Rooke is happy to remain as Chair with Tia Ruthven-MacArthur as Vice Chair. No objections.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Damian McEntee will step down as a parent member but Sandra McEntee will replace him from next year – no objections.

MEETING DATES FOR 2021

Dates will be suggested for the rest of the school year.