

MINUTE OF MEETING OF LAIRDSLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

LOCATION: VIA MS TEAMS

DATE: TUESDAY 16TH JUNE 2021

TIME: 6PM

MATTERS ARISING / MINUTE OF LAST MEETING

There were no matters arising from the last minute.

HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT

PANDEMIC RELATED ISSUES/NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

Additional staffing used to provide recovery support will continue into next session. Draft class lists for new session are currently being looked at by staff. As always, ability groups will be considered, but there will also be a focus on children's relationships as the guidance regarding class bubbles for the new session is still unclear. Planning is to continue with current restrictions for now. Very little flexibility with the school nearing full capacity. Details of new class/teacher will be issued to parents on Monday. Teachers will be posting a video on Teams to introduce themselves to their new classes. There are a few staffing changes in the new session.

COMMUNICATION TO PARENTS INCL. DISCUSSION OF CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

The School Standards and Quality Report containing "achievement of level" data is being drafted at the moment and will be shared in August.

There was significant discussion around where the children are currently at in terms of levels and the associated concerns that parents may have.

**** ACTION POINT ** Request made for FD to include a message to parents reiterating that there are ongoing assessment and monitoring of teaching and learning processes, in the end of term correspondence**

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Discussion around where the focus will lie for session 2021/22:-

- closing the attainment gap (using PEF money for additional staffing, resources, ICT, etc)
- employability skills - skills for learning, life and work
- outdoor learning
- Wellbeing – Lairdland have been identified as one of 12 schools in EDC to receive funding from the authority for a nurture classroom. This will have a FT nurture teacher (Miss Swart) and a FT Family Learning Assistant (Miss Quail). It will provide a short term focus and intervention for a small group of children. Parents of children who are identified will be engaged in the process.

- School counselling service currently offered by SPARK to children aged 10+. It is hoped that the authority will continue to fund this next session.

EARLY YEARS CENTRE

The centre is running well, with a small number of children currently in attendance. Numbers will continue to increase from August and it is anticipated that capacity will be approximately 70% by October. At full capacity the centre can accommodate 95 children. Whilst there is no requirement to reside in Lairdsland's catchment area to obtain a place in the Early Years Centre, when registering for a school place, no priority will be given to EYC children who are not in the catchment.

CHAIRS REPORT

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT 2021/22

Pre-Covid, there was a large amount of work done regarding parental involvement with much success. Still unclear what parental involvement will look like for next session. Discussion required as to how we can tweak pre-covid plans to accommodate Covid restrictions and hope that there will be more guidance issued in coming months which will facilitate more discussion in this area.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

None

MEETING DATES FOR 2021/22

Proposal for meetings to continue on Teams at an earlier time of 5.30pm. All members were in favour of virtual meetings continuing, but there was only a slight majority vote for an earlier start time of 5.30pm. NR proposed we trial this time for the first two meetings, with a review at the third meeting of the year. Proposed meeting dates for the year were noted:

7th September
19th October
7th December
25th January
15th March
3rd May
14th June