

MINUTE OF MEETING OF LAIRDSLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

LOCATION: VIA MS TEAMS

DATE: TUESDAY 14th JUNE 2022

TIME: 6.00PM

MATTERS ARISING / MINUTE OF LAST MEETING

The minute of the last meeting was agreed and all action points were completed except for the PTA update on the website. EA will send over these details at the start of the new session and GF will arrange for this to be done.

HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT

SCHOOL LIFE

This has been a very busy term with pupils enjoying Health & Wellbeing week, sports day, after school clubs, school trips and the P7 leavers disco. It has been very successful and we will continue to build on this return to normality after the summer break. We have issued a letter to parents/carers outlining the staffing changes for the new academic session. We will have a 12 class structure again this year, and are currently undertaking the task of populating these classes. Letters will be issued to parents on Friday of this week advising them of their child's new class and the children will meet with their new teachers and classmates on Monday 20th June. EA requested that we include something about school uniform in this letter.

**** ACTION POINT ****

In a communication to parents, FD will include a reminder about uniform policy, covering issues such as indoor shoes and PE kit.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

A parent survey link has been sent out to our parent community, the results of which will be fed in to the School Improvement Plan. The evaluation of School Improvement priorities this session will be shared at the first meeting when we return. Progress has been made on all priorities, but there is still work to be done in all areas. We are currently analysing where the gaps are and where improvement is most required. We will be using both attainment data and the results from the parent survey to do this.

ISSUES RELATING TO COVID

There are none at the moment! We have been able to enjoy the return to a more normal school life. Although we are still experiencing the occasional staff absence, the impact is not significant.

EARLY YEARS CENTRE

We currently have a total of 113 children and are recruiting staff on a constant basis.

NR asked if we were experiencing any supply chain issues regarding school meals. The menu has been scaled back at the moment to one hot meal and one vegetarian option per day and the uptake of school dinners has definitely increased with the introduction of free school meals to P5s. Plans for offering free school meals to P6s and P7s have been delayed for now. So far we have been able to deliver what is on the menu.

CHAIR'S REPORT

With regards to the ongoing parking issues outside the school gym fire exit and the disabled parking bays, NR confirmed that he has had a conversation with Thomas McMenamin, and he is in discussion with legal – a letter is scheduled to be sent out at the start of the new academic session.

SMcE asked if there was anything that could be done about the uneven paving outside the front of the school. NR will chase up this matter as it has been raised before, and SMcE will also send an email as a concerned parent (not part of Parent Council).

NR had prepared a presentation detailing and explaining all the many ways that parents/carers can get involved in school life, and to try to encourage further involvement and support. This presentation was given on NR's behalf at the P1 induction day. The PTA also spoke at this induction day and there was some interest from new parents.

**** ACTION POINT ****

FD will distribute a copy of this presentation to all parents/carers at the start of the new academic session.

MEETING DATES FOR 2022/23

First meeting back - 13th September 2022 at 6pm on Teams. This will also form the AGM (this date was changed from the original date of 6th September 2022)