

MINUTE OF MEETING OF LAIRDSLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

LOCATION: VIA MS TEAMS

DATE: TUESDAY 25th OCTOBER 2022

TIME: 6.00PM

MATTERS ARISING / MINUTE OF LAST MEETING

The minute of the last meeting was agreed and all action points were completed.

**** ACTION POINT ****

GF to update the website with the PC members for the new session and ensure all minutes are up to date.

HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT

It is business as usual and school life is back to "normal".

- **Quality Assurance Calendar** - SMT met with all teaching staff in September to look at tracking in numeracy and literacy, and identify areas where intervention is required. Also looked at pupil wellbeing.
- **Afterschool/Lunchtime Clubs** – we continue to offer a range of clubs this term including Dance (P2), Netball (P6/P7), Baking (P3), Dance (P3), Scripture Union (P5/P6/P7), Newspaper Club (P7), Choir (P7), Chess Club (P7). More opportunities will continue to be offered throughout the session.
- **Continue to open doors to individuals and organisations that can add value to the learning experience for children** – we have recruited a number of parents to come on board with various pupil committees this session. In addition, this term we have Lenzie Rugby club offering weekly rugby sessions to P6s, Lenzie Tennis Club are doing taster sessions with P4s, Bikeability will be working with our P7s and we have a visit to P6 pupils, from a Glasgow FC Player, planned to coincide with women in sport week.
- **P3 Harvest Assembly** - This was the cohort of pupils who started school in the midst of the pandemic so it was lovely to be able to invite all the parents and carers in to enjoy this as they have missed out on a lot – e.g. normal P1 transitions, nativities, etc. Children all did really well and an excellent turn out.
- **Parents Evenings** – Great uptake of appointments across all classes and great to have parents back in the building for this event.
- **Partnership Working** – we continue to work with, and support, a number of agencies working in partnership with children and families e.g. Lifelink Counselling for P6s & P7s, the school nurses are back in visiting children, Social Work, Food Bank and local charities etc. As one of EDC's identified Nurture schools, we have recently been allocated a link Speech and Language Therapist which will be an invaluable resource to have. We are currently making plans to arrange informal drop in

sessions for parents who may have SLT questions/concerns. This could prove very useful for parents of younger children who may have concerns that could be discussed/answered without an official referral.

- **We Make Music Digital** - we were presented with an award following P7 participation in a digital music programme led by Miss Hill last session. Looking to take this approach forward across more classes and perhaps modernise the approach to music.
- **In Service Day** – staff took part in their professional reading including Education Scotland Good Practice Case Studies and reading directed by IOS programme, led by Mrs Kerr.
- **Snack & Play** - Lairdsland hosted this again over the October week and will continue to act as a base.
- **P7 Residential Trip** - Our P7s head out on their residential trip to Ardentinn next week. They are going from Monday to Friday along with a number of staff from the Senior School. Management will be sharing the week.
- **EYC** – Recruitment is ongoing including the post of Depute Head of Centre, which has been advertised again. Recruitment in Early Years is ongoing throughout the authority, not just Lairdsland. There is a lot of movement within early years due to flexible working patterns. We have managed to put individual care plans in place for each child and have had face to face meetings with parents and key workers which was lovely. EYC is operating at full capacity for the 2-3 room, which can take 15 children (and currently has a waiting list). The 3-5 room is at full capacity on some days but not others. Questions were raised about staff:children ratios in the early years centre and how staff shortages are covered? Where possible this is managed this using staff from other nurseries but occasionally we may have to draw on resources within the school. We may become more conscious of this as we move into winter with various cold and flu viruses.

There was a discussion regarding the bollards which were erected during the October break outside the front of the school (next to the disabled parking bays). We confirmed that the Fire Brigade have been out today to investigate as they do not have a key to lower these in an emergency. They have been advised that they would have to drive over them. This is currently being looked into and may need to be changed.

Parent member raised the question of double yellow lines missing from where all the roadworks had been. There is hope that they are currently working on re-painting all of these.

**** Action Point ** PC Chair agreed that if the double yellow lines had not been repainted within another week, to let him know and he would email the council.**

PC Vice Chair confirmed that she had emailed regarding the uneven slabs outside the school and was told that the issue was caused with people parking on them. She was given no answer as to when they would be fixed but hoped that this may be part of the plan to install bollards and then fix slabs?

FD mentioned that we are going to put out a reminder communication to parents to apply for FSM even if their child is P1-P5 and receives it anyway. If they are eligible, they are entitled to payments throughout the whole year including holidays so could be very helpful during this cost of living crisis. The school received a large delivery from a local foodbank today and that is helping some families within the school. There is still no timescale for P6s & P7s receiving FSM but it is back on the Scottish Government's agenda.

SMcE asked if there was any evidence of improvement in 'sharing behaviour' among the children – an area that suffered during covid times. FD commented that she did think that things were moving in

the right direction and confirmed that children do take part in co-operative working in class and tasks that would help teamwork and sharing skills.

CHAIR'S REPORT

NR said that it was good to hear that the school is back to "normal". Parental Involvement is going in the right direction.

NR requested that any topics for discussion at the next meeting be emailed to him in advance so that they could be added to the agenda.

MEETING DATES FOR 2022/23 (6pm on Teams):

13th December

31st January

21st March

2nd May

13th June