

MINUTE OF MEETING OF LAIRDSLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

LOCATION: VIA MS TEAMS

DATE: TUESDAY 24th OCTOBER 2023

TIME: 6.00PM

MATTERS ARISING / MINUTE OF LAST MEETING

It was agreed that the following action point from the minute would be carried forward and the SIP should be put back on the agenda for the next meeting in December.

**** ACTION POINT ** NR requested that the School Improvement Plan is put back on the agenda for discussion and GF will circulate a copy of the SIP to all members mid-late November in advance of December's meeting.**

HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT

School roll is now 310 pupils. Three new pupils have started this week. Early years centre has 106 children. 51 of which are pre-school children.

There was a general discussion around what would happen if the school was to reach maximum capacity and MG confirmed that this would be an issue for HQ not the school. NR expressed concern that they may put portacabins in the playground.

There have been some staffing changes to note:

- Miss Gabrielle Gorman will cover Mrs Natalie Duffy's nurture teacher role. We are just awaiting completion of recruitment process.
- Mrs Kirsty Greer will be acting up to cover Mrs Duffy's PT responsibilities during her maternity leave.
- Martyn Glancy will cover Fiona Donaghey as Acting Head Teacher.

**** ACTION POINT ** MG will update the wider parent community of these staffing changes in the next newsletter.**

EMERGING ISSUES

Possible further industrial action is planned for November by a non-teaching staff union. Dates of this have yet to be confirmed. Discussions have taken place between school staff and the local authority regarding the approach taken during the previous strike days. Our approach will be guided by the advice and support provided by the local authority. However, at the moment, EDC is not a targeted authority so our hope is that the school will not be impacted in this round of industrial action.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2023/24

Creating a parent friendly version of the School Improvement Plan is ongoing.

EARLY YEARS CENTRE

MG is working closely with Julie to review the environment and process as per the Care Inspectorate Report and Nursery Improvement Plan.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT 2023/24

Parental involvement is progressing with after school clubs including football beginning next week. Further opportunities through assemblies will be available to all parents. It is pleasing to see parents involved with our committees!

Mrs Paterson is continuing to develop this throughout the school and it will be supported by MG. MG has noted the request about how parental involvement asks are framed. We will review this at forthcoming meetings to ensure we are getting this correct.

CHAIR'S REPORT

NR raised the question of PEF and asked if it had been agreed how it would be spent.

**** ACTION POINT ** MG will provide an allocated breakdown of how it has been spent.**

There was a discussion regarding the provision of electronic devices to pupils and the question was raised as to why other authorities took the decision to allocate a device to every single pupil whilst EDC did not. MG explained that this was not a conversation that Head Teachers were a part of and suggested that it was perhaps a question for a different forum. The point was made that we make sure that all Lairdsland pupils are given equal opportunities in terms of access to resources.

MEETING DATES FOR NEW SESSION

5th December

23rd January

5th March

30th April

11th June