

MINUTE OF MEETING OF LAIRDSLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

LOCATION: VIA MS TEAMS

DATE: TUESDAY 5TH MARCH 2024

TIME: 6.00PM

MATTERS ARISING / MINUTE OF LAST MEETING

NR contacted Thomas McMenamin regarding the repainting of the double yellow lines – this has now been completed. NR was also informed that they are looking into painting additional lines on the raised area that is used for crossing, and they have applied for funding for this. They cannot make it an official crossing but they are looking at ways of highlight it to improve safety.

Parents were all emailed regarding the parking issues outside the school.

The minute of the last meeting was agreed.

HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT

School roll is now 315, a reduction of one since the last meeting. There have been no staffing changes within the school to report.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2023/24

Two teachers from the school have been working with other teachers in the local authority to look at the marking structure of a piece of writing with the intention of standardising this across schools in the authority.

EARLY YEARS CENTRE

The EYC roll is now 120 with 20 children in the 2-3 room and 100 children in the 3-5 room. No staffing changes within the EYC to report.

The Early Years Centre have now taken part in a Collaborative Improvement exercise and we are currently waiting on the report. Our EYC was one of four to take part so it will be a report on EDC as a whole not just our centre.

SCHOOL LIFE / PLANNED EVENTS

Some of the children (P5/6) have now released their brown trout as part of the Clyde in the Classroom project (funded by the PTA), and P5 are hoping to release theirs at the end of this week.

Scottish Opera were in school last week to work with our P6s and P7s and this was an incredible success. At a cost of £900 (funded by the PTA), we recognise that it is expensive but we believe it to be a very worthwhile experience and culturally very important, and we hope to continue to work with them going forward.

We have ongoing Family Connect sessions with Miss Quail for targeted families and this is going well. We are hoping to roll this out in the Early Years Centre after the Easter break.

We have started to run a couple of afterschool clubs, namely dance and netball. This is in addition to the football team training that is also underway.

We are going to be taking advantage of a free music session being offered by the Nicola Benedetti foundation, and are hopeful that the whole school will be able to benefit from this.

We will be celebrating World Book Day in school on Friday 8th March.

COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY

In advance of tonight's meeting, two examples of position statements were circulated to all Parent Council members to discuss tonight. The idea is to produce a position statement specific to Lairdsland Primary School that everyone can see. Discussion was opened.

EA asked if it could be made specific and perhaps document the things that the PTA are raising money for? Sometimes find parents prefer to know what they are raising money for.

EA also asked if there was a way that we could communicate all the help that is available to families within the school, eg clothing bank, food bank, toys, costumes for events like world book day etc.

SV asked if it was possible for parents to make one off donations to the school for specific events eg helping with the cost of the summer trips. Is there a fund that a parent could pay a donation directly into? MG doesn't see why not but will look in to this in more detail. PTA have a paypal account and sometimes a JustGiving page

**** ACTION POINT **** NR asked that all members have a look at the document relating to the Cost of the School Day (particularly the section relating to the Parent Council) and MG will bring a draft position statement to the next meeting for discussion

CHAIR'S REPORT

Nothing specific to report but will put discussion of draft position statement on agenda for next meeting.

MEETING DATES FOR NEW SESSION

30th April

11th June