

## **Minute of Meeting of Lairdsland Primary School Parent Council**

**Location: MS Teams**

**Date: 28 January 2025, 6pm**

Present: Katie Edwards, Fraser Gallacher, Nigel Rooke, Hannah Topalian-Loban, Ruzooka Rwakishasha, Maria Kerr, Emma Alkirwi, Sravan Vadaga, Kirsty McEwen, Lesley Davidson (new Head Teacher)

Apologies from Deniz Uster-Harrup, Andrew Mawston, Maggie Noszczyk-McLean,

### **Introductions**

NR welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised of apologies as above.

New Head Teacher, Lesley Davidson introduction.

Previously head at Craigdhu Primary in Milngavie.

LD will remain acting head until Fiona returns.

There are some practices from Craigdhu that she would like to introduce to Lairdsland.

LD plans to share Craigdhu email with the whole school community to outline a clear protocol for sharing information and how this is communicated.

Also plans a positive behaviour and relationship policy:

- Values / Vision / Restorative script.
- Blueprint for the classrooms.
- Outline the procedure to be followed when there is a breakdown.

KE would like to see an example of how this Restorative policy might work.

Both of these items will be discussed with Parent Council prior to implementation.

### **Matters Arising/Minute of Last Meeting**

The minute from the previous meeting was agreed.

Points arising:

- School budget.
- Policy around composite classes. MK asked to circulate guidance.

## **Headteacher's Report**

LD will be looking at the school improvement plan. She wants the children's voice to feed into the plan. And a key aim will be to have consistency across the school.

### *Reading:*

It has also come to light that Bug Club is not working well, and so an alternative to Bug Club is being explored. EA has found that repeating the work at home as well as at school is problematic. KE wondered what ages is Bug Club being used for to which LD confirmed that it is used across the school, for all ages. NR has seen different plans across the school both digital and hardcopy, and there have always been mixed views, so one size fits all may be an issue. SV felt that Bug Club has been helpful to younger children.

LD talked briefly about the Silver Rights Respecting Schools Award.

### *Early Years Centre (EYC):*

LD is going to EYC twice per week, and is working on the transition from EYC to school (noting that transition potentially includes any East Dunbartonshire school and not just Lairdsland).

KE said that Lairdsland pupils are excited about reading to EYC children.

NR said that there have been discussions in the Parent Council highlighting concerns that EYC may drain resource from Lairdsland.

KE says that staff retention is an issue and NR added that staff retention is a Scotland wide problem, not restricted to our EYC.

LD says that there is to be more concentration on staff training due to inspection report being only adequate, not satisfactory.

## **Clubs and activities**

KE notes that there is a general lack of confidence with parents to lead sessions and clubs. Parents are also worried about commitment to clubs. However, at least one parent has offered to lead a drama activity.

Also, can music related activities be supported by parents?

NR suggested that we should dedicate time in the next PC meeting to parental engagement.

MK confirmed that Kirsty Greer (KG) is already looking at active clubs and former pupils are already supporting some activities. NR asked if we can get KG to attend the next meeting?

LD said that at Craigdu they maintained a spreadsheet for parental engagement where P1 through to P7 were involved in various activities and clubs. LD will evaluate whether there is capacity, and reminded us that there is also Friday Fun 31.

NR recognises that there is a limit to the goodwill that can be asked of teachers and staff.

KE will look to feedback to parents about options to support clubs and activities. She will suggest that parents should email the office.

### **Chair's report/future agenda items**

NR will make discussing parental involvement in clubs and activities an agenda item for the next meeting.

Dates of Meetings for 2025

11<sup>th</sup> March

6<sup>th</sup> May

10<sup>th</sup> June

### **AOCB**

NR will email Thomas MacMillan about making the parking lines clearer (raised by KE)