

Meeting date: 26/05/2026 in person

Present: Nigel Rooke (chair), Lesley Davidson (Interim head teacher), Libby Bradford (Deputy head teacher), Katie Edwards, Emma Alkirwi, Fraser Gallacher, Mhairi Sermanni, Sarvan Vaelaga, Kerry Simpson

Apologies: Rebecca Houston, Janet Jamison, Andrew Mawston, Deniz Uster-Harrup.

#### Matters Arising/Minute of last meeting

~No new News letter has been issued since last meeting, when this is published it will highlight that Novels in good condition can be donated to school

~ Still discussions around school IT equipment needing replaced, discussions about match funding. EA asked if we could take a proposal to east Dun re new laptops. EDC wont allow donations of laptops for security reasons.

~ Fun day to be held on second last day of school. Any money raised could possibly go towards funding new IT equipment.

~ school regularly applying for grants

~ LD relayed that Brian Donnelly will continue to work with the school next year and is happy to facilitate some teams sessions for parents. This will hopefully make these more accessible. Brian is also happy to make a short video for parents explaining a bit more about his sessions.

~LB has recruited new P1 parents for PVG scheme at induction, Can also look at distribution of PVG checked parents across school year.

~LD concerned that P6/7 parents will be leaving in next few years and there will need to be plans to replace these PVG checked parents.

~LD advised that a bank of at least Five parents from each class was likely needed. There are currently around 50 PVG volunteers across all ages. Confirmation needed where there are gaps?

#### Head Teacher's Report

New behaviour and relationship policy consultation has concluded. Staff have reviewed the policy during the in-service day and it was circulated to parent council members at the meeting. This policy will replace existing school values and KID rules. Brian Donnelly surveyed parents, Pupils and staff on core values. These results were collated and in line with EDC current guidelines have shaped the new policy. The Core Values are: Welcoming, Kindness and

Teamwork. Next term Brian will work across the whole school promoting these values. All language used by staff and Brian will relate back to the policy and school values.

LD gave an overview of the policy, highlighting Nurture section, Visual timetables, trauma informed approach, anti bullying and targeted approaches set out within the policy.

NR asked if Fiona Donaghy had been consulted on the document as she will be returning in August and would be responsible for implementation of the new policy.

LD summarised that there was strict rules in place for contacting staff members whilst they were on leave so she had not been consulted on the new policy. LD reiterated that the policy was a collaborative effort between staff, parents, pupils and Brian and was confident that it was an improvement on the previous values. NR outlined that this probably shouldn't be fully released until Fiona Donaghy has at least had sight of it.

NR raised concerns that the document was still very long and felt parents would not engage with it.

LD Policy will be available to parents on the website alongside summary document for easier reading. Parents will be able to look up the relevant parts of the policy and use these for reference. LD stated that HMIE are looking for schools to have this type of policy in place. LD also advised that parents of children who would most benefit from this policy are parents who will often engage with the school eg. Attending Brians sessions.

EA Asked about advance booking of school trips and if payment plans were available? LD stated payment plans for whole school were not feasible due to workload for office staff. LB also advised that if the school trip was booked this early full payment may need to be made and this would not be possible. LB will look into this.

EA asked could cost at least be communicated earlier to give parents opportunity to save for the trip.

#### General update

LD gave update that there will be twelve classes next year which means there will still be a classroom in the corridor. The class that will be in this space has not yet been decided and will depend on class sizes. KE shared that current P3/4 parent feedback is that they would have liked more pictures and information about the class set up to put minds at ease.

LB stated that the class has been working well and children have adapted well to it. More photos will be added to photo books to reassure parents.

LD and LB gave brief overview of the formula for calculating class sizes and composite classes. They also touched on how children are grouped via working groups and friendship groups to ensure easy transition into new classes.

LD Reading is the Priority in the improvement plan focusing on dyslexia as a large number of children are presenting with it. There will also be a new dyslexia policy.

LD advised that Nationally we are embarking on curriculum improvement cycle, this means there will be changes to curriculum for excellence. The focus will shift towards meta skills, critical thinking and enquiry learning.

MD gave feedback that sports day was well received by parents and asked how often the school can access the sports complex.

LB The sports complex are very accommodating, it has to be booked in advance but they can normally get use of it.

NR asked about head teacher being a member on the Board of the sports complex.

LB let everyone know that P1 induction last week went well. There are various visits planned for the next four weeks for new P1s

P7 transition to Lenzie academy, Kirkintilloch High and St Ninians also going well.

KE enquired about the Pupil equity fund and how this is currently being used. KE thought it had been used for a depute and had now changed to fund support staff. LD advised there was strict guidance on use of the fund for narrowing attainment gap. This is based on school meal entitlement. The depute for raising attainment couldn't continue as this wasn't closing the attainment gap and is checked by the council.

Instead the fund was used towards the reading recovery program. Mrs Lang has received training and recourses on reading recovery. She works with groups of children to help improve reading skills which in turn improves attainment gap. The money was also used for a more cohesive transition program for children transitioning from Lairdsland EYC. LD not sure if this Transition program will continue for next term.

KS extra sessions for pre school children was well received by parents from the nursery. Nursery staff spending time with children on the first week seemed to help children settle.

MD raised ongoing issue with school transport

LD raised this issue again with Transport department. LD advised younger children are being escorted to the bus at the end of the school day. LD reiterated that there is not always staff availability to be on the gate in the morning and school doesn't start till 9am

NR stated that parents who use school transport have an expectation of safety when they are putting children onto bus.

LD advised she will go back and have another conversation with transport about who is responsible for ensuring children enter and leave the school safely.

LD meet the teacher will be the Monday 22nd June.

#### Chair's Report

NR let everyone know that Fiona Donaghy would be returning part time in August. There was an advertisement for a part time head teacher and interviews will be held next week. NR will be part of the interview process.

#### Actions

~ LD to highlight in newsletter that novels in good condition can be donated to school

~LD new behaviour and relationship policy and short summary sheet to be made available to parents on website.

~ LB look into feasibility of booking school trip in advance and if this would require immediate payment.

~LB include more photos/info for parents whose children will be utilising the corridor classroom.

~LD continue to speak with transport regarding who is responsible for escorting children to/from school.

~LD/LB collate information regarding number of parents PVG checked per class.