

RDM Parent Council – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (via Zoom)

Attendees – Claire MacFarlane (Chair), Louise Walsh (Vice Chair), Lynzi Stewart (Minutes), Wendy Reid, Emma Smith, Laura Dudek, Michelle Jamieson, Debbie Swan, Jennifer Thomson, Kay Bisset, Liz Barron-Majerik, Fiona Coyle, Lynn Lambert, Carol Lindsay, Lucy Haggart, Clare Robertson, Vicki Sichi

Apologies – Dawn Turner, Margo Latham, Emma Thomas, Lewis Simpson

		Responsible
1.	Welcome CMcF welcomed everyone to the meeting	
2.	Minutes from Previous Meeting CMcF noted main points from November meeting and asked if there were any issues.	
3.	Current Activity  The Easter Scavenger hunt is currently available and free to participate.  There is also an Easter Window competition, similar to Halloween competition.  LW provided an update on the Be Considerate campaign. LW has been in contact with PKC parking team, as a result of Covid many of the team have been retasked resulting in a delay with selecting a winner. LW is going to chase Frank at PKC to progress.	LW
4.	Treasurers Update  ES advised that there is currently £5771 in the bank. Recent fundraising events included Christmas Hampers which raised just over £1000 and Pyjama day raised £370.	
5.	Fundraising Update  GH provided an update on fundraising activities.  There are prizes for the Easter Scavenger Hunt and it is free to enter along with decorate your Easter Window.  It is difficult to fundraise at the moment due to the current situation so any ideas of potential opportunities are welcome.  Some ideas include – teatowels. RC suggested a Race night but not possible at this time. WR suggested a	

	<p>wine tasting and she will contact Cairn O'Mohr to see if this is something they could offer. Any other ideas should be passed to a member of the Parent Council.</p>	WR
6.	<p><b>Fundraising Update</b></p> <p>LBM is looking to see what funding grants are available.</p> <p>Perth College have offered staff and students to help with a project.</p> <p>Some work has been carried out to confirm there are no title issues or ground issues.</p> <p>Brian Reid from PKC Education is to carry out a walkaround. A date is still to be arranged.</p> <p>LW highlighted that it would be good to see some development of playground this year prior to children leaving school. LBM confirmed a Vision meeting is still to be arranged.</p> <p>GH suggested transfers for the playground. LD commented that the transfers have been used before but there were issues with the period of time they lasted. VS also highlighted the concrete is not in the best condition so this would really need to be updated prior to transfers being put on. LW advised previous costs had indicated it would cost £2500 for tarmac. LW suggested carrying out some work in the quiet garden.</p> <p>LBM queried if a list of everyones wants had been compiled yet? This is still outstanding. CM suggested asking the children first what they would like.</p> <p>LS will contact Tayside Contracts to see if they carry out lining in playgrounds.</p>	LS
7.	<p><b>Update from Headteacher</b></p> <p>LL thanked Parent Council for all the continued work.</p> <p>LL confirmed all children are still in class bubbles. Feedback shows that homeschooling worked much better 2<sup>nd</sup> time round. If anyone has any further feedback the school would appreciate this.</p>	

	<p>The school is delighted to have everyone back at schools. P1-3's settled in well. It has been trickier with P4-7 as the school is no busier. Ideally all children would be allowed to mix bubbles but guidance advises this is not possible yet.</p> <p>The nursery is split into two with the gym hall being used.</p> <p>There is lots of focus on social skills and group work. Progress is being assessed since the children have returned to school. The main priority is ensuring everyone is safe.</p> <p>The majority of teachers are taking part in lateral flow testing twice a week, Sunday and Wednesday.</p> <p>Time is being spent planning for next term. This includes P7 transition and transition from nursery to P1. School term finishes on 24<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p>A trip has provisionally been booked for P7's for Willowgate. LL asked if PC would contribute the equivalent cost of the bus that they would usually donate to P7 trip.</p> <p>Recent information shows that 30% of families attending the school are in the affluent band, 45% in middle and 25% living in poverty,</p> <p>Mrs Bell has invested in Touch Rugby.</p> <p>Annual report cards will be similar to last year. There will be slight tweaks to cover wellbeing and skills developed. Key areas remain to be literacy and numeracy and report cards will be issued end of May. Following this parents will be offered telephone meeting with teacher if they wish. These will take place 2<sup>nd</sup> week in June and would aim to discuss areas parents are interested in.</p> <p>Work has started on planning for August.</p> <p>The school is scheduled to get new promethan boards and a site visit is to be arranged.</p> <p>Children will find out about new classes in the last week of term.</p> <p>LL will keep parents updated of any changes to requirements for bubbles.</p>	
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<p>RC – Are children being reassessed? LL confirmed teachers are looking to see where each child is following homeschooling. Groupings and teaching being adapted as required.</p> <p>LW asked about uniform and if this would remain relaxed for term 4. LL confirmed main priority is school jumper and clean uniform each day.</p> <p>Timings of school start/finish will be reviewed as there has been mixed feedback.</p> <p>WR advised she had gathered some information on photographers since last meeting. LL asked that information is passed to her, and that current restrictions do not allow for photographer.</p> <p>ES asked about dogs being in the playing fields during school day. LM advised she thinks this incident was a parent who was at the fence with a dog. They are not aware of any dogs being walked through the playing field during break/lunchtime.</p> <p>The school are looking to carry out some work on Health &amp; Wellbeing and ES has volunteered to be involved.</p> <p>LBM asked that thanks were passed on Tayside Contracts staff for all there hardwork to get school dinners up and running.</p> <p>LL advised P1 &amp; 2 are eating lunch in the dinner hall with all others in classrooms.</p> <p>LL advised there is a Scottish Government Proposal to provide free school meals to all children P1-7.</p> <p>Clare Robertson asked what level of supervision there was in the playing field at lunchtime as there had been an incident earlier in the week and her son was unable to find an adult. LM advised there are 3 adults in playing field and the issue may have been that some children don't think they are allowed to cross bubbles if they need an adult. LL advised that someone would contact CR to discuss the incident further.</p> <p>School Fund update: Minimal update - There has been no fundraising this session. The school fund, which can be used to support learners is sitting at around £3000. Money within this is ringfenced as part of the British Council Grant and community Benefits grant.</p>	<p>WR</p> <p>LL</p>
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	All spending over £150 is approved by the school fund committee.	
8.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>LS raised the issue of children being required to bring toys so that they could be included in groups. LL confirmed nothing should be brought to school from home due to Covid and a reminder would be sent. DS will look into this issue.</p> <p>RC advised that her husband was able to provide replacement material for the polytunnel. LL advised that the school had received £1000 Community Benefits funding which was intended to be used for this.</p> <p>ES asked if the school could provide masks to people at the gate that had forgotten. LL advised the school could not use their funding for this but happy to handout if PC could purchase.</p> <p>CM finished the meeting by thanking the school for all the continued guidance and everything they are doing during the challenging situation.</p> <p>Date of next meeting 27 May at 7:45pm</p>	DS