



Riverside PS Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 17.3.22

Present:

Josephine Querido (Chair)

Dionysia Tsalavouta (Treasurer)

Laura Livesey (Co-opted Member)

Nicki Payton (Class Rep P1)

Emily Fulton (Class Rep P6)

Jenny Robertson

Kirsty Watson

Debbie Allan

Arlene Crossan

Michelle MacPhee

Laura Quintin

Apologies: Kathryn Anderson (Vice Chair)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Our Parent Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made by everyone attending.

Class Reps:

Recently the parent council asked for parental volunteers to become a class rep for their child/s class. This would involve setting up a Class Whatsapp Group so that Parents from a class can share information and communicate with one another. There has been a good number of volunteers come forward but some classes are still missing a rep and it would be good for every class to have someone.

2. School Update

Mitigations and Covid Guidance- Mrs MacPhee shared that after the Easter holidays she is hopeful that most of the mitigations for Covid will ease. This will mean that parents and visitors will be able to come into school again. The P7 show should be able to have a live audience and lunchtime clubs can resume. Mask wearing and hand sanitising will continue.

Mrs MacPhee also shared that currently Covid cases were high in school and this current week nine members of teaching staff have been absent from school. These absences have been covered by staff in school, supply staff and also staff from the ASN Outreach team. It has been a very challenging week but the staff, children and parents have been very supportive and adaptable which has helped immensely.

There will be a whole school focus week on outdoor learning on the last week of term before the Easter holidays. This has been organised by Miss Livingstone and the children will all be involved in getting outdoors and learning outside. It should be an exciting week.

Mrs MacPhee also shared that this week the Nature Playground has been closed as the tarmac was being re done. This will make a big difference to the surface.

In some areas of the nature playground turf was put down earlier in the year. However this has caused quite a bit of mud over the winter so school are looking into putting down Astro Turf to help this situation.

In school the staff and children have been involved in evaluating this year's SIP (School Improvement Plan). Mrs MacPhee will be seeking parental views shortly and also asking for parental input into our school improvement priorities for next year.

3. Financial Update

Recently Dionysia Dionysiou has taken over from Kirsty Watson as Treasurer.

Dionysia gave a run through of the current finances, including fundraising and expenditure. She reported that there is currently £1632.29 in the bank account. It was agreed that up to £600 could currently be spent by school and that we would like to raise more funds this year if possible.

Laura Livesey gave an update on Fit February which raised £800. Altogether 20 families participated in the event, with 82 children taking part. Raising £800 was a good achievement. However, overall there was fairly low engagement from families. The reasons for this were discussed and thought to be Covid, poor weather in February and children back at extra curricular clubs out with school, which will impact on the amount of time that families would have had for this challenge.

4. Fundraising Ideas

Lots of ideas were discussed for future fundraising ideas. Parent Council members are really keen to have some events in the summer term. They were keen to return to

face-to-face community building events when Covid mitigations allow. Some ideas which were discussed were:

- Summer Fayre - Stalls only
- Bake sale
- Summer disco for the children
- Community event out with the school eg quiz or cabaret night for parents/carers

The Parent Council may split these events up into sub groups and seek volunteers to support with different events so that the organisation is easier.

The parents will carry out a poll to see what appetite there would be among parents/carers to volunteer to help put on a Summer Fayre. This kind of event will only be possible if there are sufficient parent volunteers.

5. AOCB

Living Streets survey showed that many parents were opposed to the road closures. Mrs MacPhee said that this was a Stirling Council initiative in partnership with Living Streets and not a school initiative.

There will be trial road closures the week before the holidays.

There was a suggestion to hold an informal “RAPP get-to-know-you” event at the Birds and Bees in April

Chair – Josephine Querido

Vice Chair – Kathryn Anderson

Treasurer: Dionysia Dionysiou

Secretary: Chrissie Gemmell/Laura Quintin/Debbie McLeod

Co-Opted Members: Laura Livesey & Sarah McMaster

Date of next meeting: TBC