



Riverside PS Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 13.01.22

Present:

Josephine Amos (Chair)

Kathryn Anderson (Vice Chair)

Laura Livesey

Sarah Thomas

Dionysia [Dionysius \(Treasurer\)](#)

Sarah McMaster

Michelle MacPhee

Chrissie Gemmell

Apologies: ~~no apologies~~ [Kirsty Watson](#)

1. Welcome / Introductions / Agenda

- School update from Mrs MacPhee
- FitFeb update (Laura Livesey)
- Empties Please (Kathryn [Anderson](#))
- AOB

2. School Update

Mrs MacPhee wished everyone a Happy New Year and said that it was great to see everyone back. Covid mitigations remain the same in school, however, we do have the recent change to the self-isolation rules which now mean that pupils and staff can return, if well, after 7 days and full houses no longer need to isolate if negative.

Staffing remains challenging with a high rate of absence due to self-isolation. Children are coping very well with the ongoing changes and staff have explained the current situation so that children are aware.

Mrs MacPhee thanked the parent council for funding the snacks for the Christmas Party. This totalled £295.38 which was gratefully received.

The main focus in school at the minute is our Mental Wellness Focus Week. This will take place at the end of the month and we look forward to sharing our learning with you all – keep an eye out on Twitter for updates on this!

3. Financial Update

The [handover to our new Treasurer](#) ~~was not present to give~~ [has not yet happened so](#) – a full update; ~~this~~ will be shared at the next meeting. Heinemann Maths and Christmas Party Funds have been paid to the school and the focus is now on raising additional funds over the next term.

4. Fundraising Ideas

The main fundraising focus for this term is FIT February, [led by Laura Livesey](#). This will take place with two challenges running alongside each other. One will focus will be on walking/scooting/biking and the other will be a creative / art based task.

Walking/Scooting/Biking Challenge: All children in nursery – primary 7 will receive a challenge overview where they can select a challenge to take part in over the course of the month. Each challenge focuses on a set amount of step/miles for a child to complete and recognition of this will be shared at the end. More information will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Creative Task: All children in Nursery – Primary 7 will be invited to design their own bike helmet and will be asked to pay 50p along with their entry. Prizes will be sought from local bike stores and Parent Council will look into how best to share the winning design.

Parent Council ~~have~~ [will](#) set up a Just Giving page for this and hope the reach a target of £1,500. There will be links available for families to share this on social media accounts to raise the profile of our fundraising event.

5. [Empties Please scheme](#)

Kathryn Anderson (Vice Chair) discussed the ‘Empties Please’ recycling project. This is proving to be quite difficult in terms of compatibility and rate of recycling. Those that are compatible do make some money (around £70 for a full box over a year) but this appears to be too complex with various rules at the minute. Parent Council thanked Kathryn for her commitment to this project.

The next fundraising focus will be an Easter Fundraiser and the Fun Run in June.

5.6. [AOCB](#)

Members of the Parent Council raised concerns around the low number of attendees. It was agreed that action needs to be taken to ensure that the Parent Council remains a positive support network with a high level of participants. A message will go out via the school app and social media

channels to try and recruit new members, with the view of having a representative for each class/stage.

[Kathryn mentioned that Bridge of Allan Round Table is open for grant applications again and Josephine will investigate this as an avenue for funds for the new bike racks.](#)

Date of next meeting: 03.03.22