



## Riverside PS Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 08.09.22

### Present:

Josephine Amos (Chair)

Kathryn Anderson (Vice Chair)

Laura Livesey

Sarah McMaster

Dionysia Dionysius (Treasurer)

Emily Fullwood

Jordana Pyper

Jenny Robertson

Sarah Thomas

Ashleigh Philip

Arlene Crossan

Michelle MacPhee

Laura Quintin

### Apologies: N/A

#### **1. Welcome / Introductions / Agenda**

- School update from Mrs MacPhee
- Funds
- Fundraising
- AOB

#### **2. School Update**

Mrs MacPhee said that there had been a positive start to the school year, with most of the children being happy and settled back at school. She said that Welcome Meetings, where parents are invited in to school to meet their child's teacher would be held the following week. The dates for these had to be moved due to potential strike action but they would go ahead next week. She said that parents would also

get the opportunity to meet SLT and also to hear about the school improvement plan for 2022/23.

Mrs MacPhee also shared that, following feedback from parents and teaching staff, the school would return to using Seesaw as the digital platform for P1-3. Primary 4-7 will continue to use Google Classroom.

Mrs MacPhee asked about class reps and said that this could be mentioned by the teachers at the Welcome Meeting. This may encourage more parents to join their class WhatsApp group.

Mrs MacPhee also mentioned the Living Streets project and stated that following consultation with them Zebra crossings in Riverside would likely be going ahead.

### **3. Financial Update**

The final term at school, with Covid restrictions lifting allowed the Parent Council to run a few different events. The events are listed below and the funds that they raised:

Bake Sale- £451.00

Disco- £847.00

P7 Show- £113

Stephen's Bakery have kindly donated £250 towards our school bike racks. A Cycling Scotland grant for £7,000 has been applied for by some parents and funds have been secured so this will allow school to add to the existing bike racks. Installation is planned for the October break.

Mrs MacPhee also asked if it would be possible for Parent Council to continue to fund the Heinemann Active Maths Digital games and activities.

### **4. Fundraising Ideas**

**September Raffle:** Raffle will take place later this month. All children will be issued with a ticket so that all children have a chance of winning a prize. Additional raffle tickets will then be on sale for children to purchase. The parent council members will request donations and will approach businesses to see if they can secure some additional prizes.

**Halloween Disco:** Halloween discos will be able to go ahead again this year. They will take the form of 2 discos P2-4 and P5-7. Primary 1 will have a party in school. Prior to this event some members of the parent council will run a costume amnesty where parents can donate costumes they may be finished with and other parents will be welcome to take a costume if they need one.

**Cards-** This year the children will be involved in creating and designing a Christmas Card in school. Their designs will be sent away and parents will have the opportunity to order direct from the website. When orders arrive in school these will not be handed out in class but there will be the option of picking them up from the school hall during the Christmas Fayre.

**Christmas Fayre-** The Christmas fayre will be able to go ahead this year and will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December from 6-8pm. A variety of local businesses have already signed up for a stall. Planning is underway and several volunteers will be needed to help make the Fayre a success.

## **5. AOCB**

The trees in the main playground, which were situated inside some of the benches sadly had to be removed at the end of the summer. This was due to a large number of playground incidents as the roots were pushing up the tarmac and causing it to be raised and children to trip over it.

School staff are keen to involve the children to see what could be planted in their place. Mrs MacPhee asked if the Parent Council could also help raise funds towards reintroducing greenery and foliage to help make the playground a vibrant outdoor learning space. Riverside Community Council have also pledged their support for the project.

The nursery garden is also requiring to be resurfaced as in the winter or in very wet weather the grass becomes flooded and incredibly wet and muddy.

It was suggested that a link could be made with the Stirling Re-Use Hub and they may have some ideas for supporting in an Eco friendly manner.

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 6pm (AGM)**