



Riverside PS Parent Council Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Date: 30.03.23~~13.01.22~~

Present:

~~Sarah MacMaster~~~~Josephine Amos~~ (Chair)

~~Kathryn Anderson~~ (Vice Chair)

~~Laura Livesey~~Emily Fullwood

Sarah Thomas

Dionysia Dionysius (Treasurer)

~~Sarah McMaster~~

Michelle MacPhee (HT)

Laura Quintin (DHT)

Kirsty White

Fiona Sneddon

Jenny Robertson~~Chrissie Gemmell~~

Apologies: ~~no apoloie~~ Kathryn Anderson, Laura Livesey (Vice Chair), Mandy Fox, Josephine Amos, Jordana Pyper, Arlene Crossan, Christine Gundry.

~~s~~Kirsty Watson

1. Welcome / Introductions / Agenda

- School update from Mrs MacPhee
- FundsFitFeb update (Laura Livesey)
- ~~Fundraising Empties Please (Kathryn Anderson)~~
- AOB

Discussion was had around how to increase the engagement with parent council and the fundraising events. The possibility of doing some meetings online to increase engagement was discussed. Consultation prior to the next meeting will take place to see what people would prefer.

£3668.00 is currently in the bank from fundraising. Parent Council will donate £700 towards the P7 hoodies. The children chose to have hoodies rather than

a trip. The classes will also do some fundraising towards their hoodies as well. In the summer term the fund raising events will be the spring discos, the summer fayre and the kilt walk.

Healthy tuck is currently balancing well. There are parent volunteers who support this each week and it is popular with the children.

Head Teacher Update:

- The children, parents and partners have been involved in re-visiting the school vision and values. Lots of consultation has taken place between children, staff and parents. Mrs Gemmell has been working with a pupil group to map the journey, using Sway and this will be shared with parents next term.
- 15 classes for next year to continue. SLT are currently working on what the class composition will be.
- Parent consultation with parents took place at parent's night and a Google Form was sent out to parents. So far only 15 forms have been completed. This will be sent out on the Parent Council Facebook page and it will be re-posted on the app.
- Outdoor learning would be more supported if children could always bring a jacket to school and wear suitable shoes for outdoor play.
- Mrs Macphee said that lots of options have been explored for fixing and sorting the wooden walkway, which is currently unsafe. The wood is all rotten and needs completely replaced. Fiona suggested a material which is mostly made of plastic, which looks like wood. This may be a more affordable option. Mrs MacPhee said that she would look into this.
- Some parents have requested more greenery in the playground. Parental volunteers would be good to work with Mrs Wiik and the eco committee to support this.
- The Riverside Naturally team will be supporting with the planters again this year. They helped to clear them in preparation for winter and they will support to clear them so that the plants can grow in the summer.
- Kirsty White and Fiona Sneddon managed to secure £500 towards the Zen Garden and £470 towards the cost of school trips, which will resume this year. This money will go the children and families who will most need help towards the cost of the summer term school trips.

Fundraising

- The Kilt Walk is taking place on the 28th April so far 5 parents have signed up. The details will go out again on the app and social media. The target is to raise £1000.
- Parent Council will do the refreshments again for the P7 show on Thursday 1st June.
- Donations will be accepted. Home baking stall may be an option as this often raises some good funds.
- Spring Discos will take place this year on Wednesday 24th May.
- Summer Fayre will take place this year on Friday 16th June.

AOCB

- Paint on jumpers has at times stained jumpers- Mrs MacPhee will pass on to teachers to ask if jumpers can be removed before painting.
- Succession Planning- looking forward to see if any more parents would like to become involved in parent council.
- Space needed for the healthy tuck shop in the studio to store equipment.

Date of next meeting- TBC

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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 givehas 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 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 to 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.

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. 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: January 2023 03.03.22