



Riverside PS Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 02.02.23

Present:

Sarah McMaster (Chair)

Laura Livesey (Vice Chair)

Emily Fullwood

Jospehine Amos

Kathryn Anderson

Kirsty White (Director of Grants)

Jordanya Piper (Fundraising Officer)

Amanda Fox

Arlene Crossan

Michelle MacPhee

Chrissie Gemmell

Apologies:

Jenny Robertson

Dionysia Tsalavouta (Treasurer)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Sarah McMaster welcomed everyone to the meeting and shared apologies.

2. School Update

Mrs MacPhee shared the school update. There have been a few disruptions due to staff strike days and absences. School are currently managing this to ensure consistency for the learners. Mrs MacPhee shared the news that Mrs Henry will return after the February break which we are all delighted about.

Staff are coming to the end of the Assessment Week which is an opportunity for staff to plan and make changes to planned learning. Snapshot week will commence the following week.

The school are just coming to the end of their Scottish focus and we look forward to welcoming families, of the winning entries, into school for the Scottish assembly next week.

The pupils are currently looking at Sports Day and how this could be changed to ensure that it is a great experience for all and that we are making the most of any resources in our school community.

Mrs Clark is currently working with a group of children who are keen to create their own 'Zen' garden. Mrs MacPhee shared the plans with the group and explained the creative ideas that the children had come up with.

Mrs MacPhee shared the news that our Nursery have recently had a very successful VSE visit and came out with scores of 'Very Good'. We are extremely proud of all the hard work that has gone into this and our little learners who have contributed to this.

A request was made by another parent for the group to discuss the school app and whether an alternative could be looked at. Although we have recently had technical issues with this, the team decided that it was still an effective tool and should remain in place for the time being.

Further strike days: Tuesday 28th February & Wednesday 1st March

3. Financial Update

Current Funds: **£3,579.52**

There was a discussion around having a reserve – this was suggested at £1000.

Christmas Fayre raised a total of **£1,700.52** – There was a further breakdown of each individual stall. All in all, this was an extremely successful event. There has also been a whole host of positive feedback from those that attended.

Healthy Tuck continues to break even. A huge thank you to Jenny Robertson for helping to count the money each week. The team had a conversation around the P7 pupils leading the ordering of the fruit each week. Mrs MacPhee will look into this. There was also a request for classes to be prompt in arriving at Healthy Tuck. The group also discussed the option of using reusable plastic cups for the smoothies/juice – after debate, some research around the cost will take place before a decision is made.

4. Fundraising / Grants

Kirsty shared some information regarding grants that are available. The Round Table grant is the most pressing focus with a deadline of 19.02.23. This application would be made towards playground development.

The Community Fund via the National Lottery is also an option to take forward for playground development. This also led to a discussion around improving the ramp area within the nature playground and possible options for making this safer.

Kirsty will also look to apply for a grant via the Robertson Trust who focus on supporting our more vulnerable learners. This money will go towards our Nurture Groups, with a focus on the breakfast club.

There is another £500 coming through from RBS through the Community Cashback scheme.

Fundraising Ideas:

Some parents are looking at taking part in The Kilt Walk (Glasgow) as a way of raising funds for the school. This will be invited out to all families as a way of encouraging more to join. More information will follow.

Dates will be set for the Spring discos and when these can take place. It was also agreed that going forward the Spring and Halloween discos will remain. The group will meet to discuss what the plans are for the Summer term and what the fundraising will look like.

5. AOCB

Mrs McLeod and Mrs Williams have requested a parental representative for the Rights Respecting School group on the 8th March. Laura Livesey has agreed to attend.

Date of next meeting: TBC