



Riverside PS Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 09th June 2022

Present:

Josephine Amos (Chair)
Kathryn Anderson (Vice Chair)
Dionysia Dionysiou (Treasurer)
Laura Livesey (Co-opted Member) (Class Rep P3/4M)
Sarah McMaster (Co-opted Member)(Class Rep P2)
Nicki Paton (Class Rep P1)
Jenny Robertson
Kirsty White
Debbie McLeod

Apologies: Mrs MacPhee

1. Welcome and introductions

Our Parent Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting (our first face-to-face one since Covid!) and introductions were made by everyone attending.

2. School update from Mrs MacLeod

The school received positive feedback from parents after the celebrating learning events in classrooms. This is to be broadened next session.

Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) Planning to include a focus on four main areas:

- a reading programme for pupils who are struggling.
- Maths intervention programme
- focus on mental wellness.
- focus on curiosity, creativity, and play

School improvement plan to be shared in August.

Staffing levels are not finalised, but Mrs McLeod confirmed there will be new members of staff, and some will be leaving.

Mrs McLeod has asked for a replacement fish bubble lamp for the sensory room as it is no longer working.

Mrs McLeod also asked for help to fund the Heinemann Maths programme as it is heavily relied upon in each year group and the membership expires in October/November. Mrs McLeod will come back to confirm the cost and date with the parent council.

Important dates:

- School reports will be out on Friday 10th June
- P7 Graduation 16th June 2022 in the morning

- Bake sale will be held on Friday 17th in the morning from 10am – 12.30pm
- Children will meet with new teachers in the afternoon on Friday 17th
- Summer Church service in Viewfield Church on 23rd June

The school has introduced a virtual noticeboard on Twitter and via school app which is updated on Fridays. Concerns were raised about how easy this is to find on School App. Mrs McLeod will raise concerns and action them.

Finally, a thank you to the parent council from Mrs MacPhee and Mrs McLeod for everything they do. Parent council chair thanked the school for their continued support.

3. Finance update (Dionysia)

The school discos were very successful.

Profits made recently:

- School disco - £850
- P7 Show refreshments - £113

Available spend in bank around £3400

- £850 held for autism provision
- £1050 reserved towards bike racks (Fit Feb and Round Table)
- £700 reserved for P7 hoodies

Leaving a total of around £800 left – however, awaiting bake sale profit.

Parent council will fund the bubble fish lamp for sensory room and will look at supporting the Heinemann maths programme (which they funded last year). Parent council may not be able to fully fund it this year but will make a contribution.

4. Fundraising calendar (Josephine)

Bake sale Friday 17th June 10am – 12.30pm (9.45am set up). Class reps to ask for volunteers via the WhatsApp groups – around 6 people needed.

Planning year ahead – proposal:

Christmas Cards (need to start in September)

Kathryn Anderson has found a supplier/printer. Sarah McMaster has agreed to lead on this, and the school is happy to support it.

Cabaret/Quiz night for parents (September)

This idea is on hold for the moment as not everyone is in agreement. This event will be discussed further at our next meeting.

Halloween Disco (October)

Volunteers needed; Laura Livesey has agreed to lead on this.

Christmas Fayre (December)

Will look for a volunteer lead to co-ordinate. Will discuss a sub-committee at the next parent council meeting.

5. Succession planning (Josephine)

Official confirmation that Josephine and Kathryn will be stepping down in November after the AGM. They have confirmed that they will still be around to support new chair and vice chair. Josephine suggested that the new chair could be a joint position.

6. AOB

Questions from parents

- Concerns raised about the P3/4 composite class (in particular) that the pupils will be with the same peers in the next school year and will not have a chance to connect with other pupils in the same year groups. Mrs McLeod understands the concern and reassures parents that this is not a concern out-with covid times and there will be opportunities for each year group to connect with each other as a whole. Mrs McLeod will reflect these concerns back to the school.
- Google Classroom: there are concerns that feedback give through Google Classroom has not always been consistent, although there has been some feedback given in class. Mrs McLeod will look into this.
- Communication from some classes in general has lessened on school and class feeds such as Twitter. Mrs McLeod understands this and will action this.
- Information on School App, such as titles and headings are not clear, and people miss important messages and events. Mrs McLeod understands and will action this.
- There is concern that other parents are taking photos and videos of school events and sharing them on social media. Mrs McLeod said that she will ensure that information regarding this will be in future newsletters and will emphasise that this is a safeguarding issue.
- Feedback on school sports day:
 - there were no activities for children waiting to go to next station – the school realises this and will action this for next year
 - spectator area not clear for P1-3 parents – school recognises this and will action for next year
 - organisation for next year to be reviewed– most staff and pupils taking part were new to sports day
- Notices of school events on a public forum such as in the school newsletter which is easily accessed on the internet ahead of events was brought up as a safety concern. Mrs McLeod reassured the parent council that safeguarding children is taken very seriously within, and outside school and all staff are vigilant in every setting.

Chair – Josephine Amos

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