

MINUTES OF PARENT COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22 JANUARY 2020

PRESENT: Elspeth McCallum (Chair), Morag Lang, Lynne Robertson, Tim Gollins, Ailsa Johnson, Heather McManus, Kirsty Baird, Neil MacAulay, Donna Ainslie, Carolyn Lowe, Diane Dagger, Claire Lawson (Parents), Iain Livingstone (Headteacher), Julie Wilkinson (Acting Depute Head) Carol Anne Henderson (Minute Taker)

APOLOGIES: Alison Mitchell, Wendy McPherson, Kevin Mackay, Linda Cranston, Ruth Kelly

DISCUSSION	ACTION
<p>1. WELCOME</p> <p>E McCallum welcomed to all the meeting and announced received apologies.</p> <p>2. PREVIOUS MINUTE</p> <p>The previous minute was approved by T Gollins and seconded by L Robertson.</p> <p>3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</p> <p>Junior Pupil Council</p> <p>Faith Steel and Isla Campbell, representatives from the Junior Pupil Council, advised that they had purchased the outdoor seating with wheelchair access (which is made from recycled plastic) with the funding received from FAB, Parent Council and the School. These have now been delivered and are located in the junior outdoor space.</p> <p>Senior Pupil Council</p> <p>Holly Fletcher from the Senior Pupil Council was also in attendance. The seniors would like new seating in the Social Space. Trial seats are to be ordered to see which are most suitable and make best use of the space. They would also like to refresh the garden area in the courtyard outside The Base.</p> <p>A new water fountain is to be located in the Senior Social Space.</p> <p>4. UPDATE FROM THE SCHOOL</p> <p>i) The presentation by Ruth Kelly about Family Learning and Engagement, and the Breakfast Club, was postponed due to illness. This presentation will be made at a future meeting.</p> <p>ii) The proposal to move from 6 to 7 subjects in S4 was outlined. This would then give pupils more choice and flexibility going into S5. A meeting will be held with staff on 3 February to discuss this. More detail on this proposal will be brought to the next meeting.</p> <p>iii) I Livingstone spoke of all that is currently happening within the school as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be an HMIE visit in the next few weeks. This will be solely concentrating on Family Learning. • Wheelchair accessible doors will be installed soon at the school reception. • Update on current staffing issues. 	

- A successful science digital learning event was held recently.
- Braes have received LGBT Charter Award Bronze Level Status.
- Budgets have not been set yet by Falkirk Council due to the delay caused by the general election. However no changes or impact on staff are anticipated.
- Current problems with lift are still ongoing – awaiting part. Parent Council decided to write letter to I Livingstone communicating concern.

Upcoming events:

- 12 February – Holocaust Memorial Event, 3:30pm
- 13 February – Dress Down Day (Funds for Ashlee)
- 4 March – I Livingstone/Ruth Kelly along with 4 pupils travel to House of Commons to receive Kelloggs Best Breakfast Club award.
- 19 March – Media Oscars Night
- 2 April – A Play, Pie & Pick Me Up
- 13 June – Family Fun Run/Family Fun Day

5. TREASURERS REPORT

The current bank balance is £623.59.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- T Gollins attended the recent Braes Family Engagement parent/carer support meeting. He said that it was well attended and was a good and positive meeting.
- T Gollins advised that recently he couldn't get a disabled parking space. I Livingstone to email all staff asking them not to park in disable spaces and to communicate with parents/carers.
- The post of Vice Chair is still vacant and it was agreed to continue this to the next meeting.
- E McCallum proposed changing the date of the May meeting to Tuesday 5th and this was agreed

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9th March 2020, 7pm

8. CLOSE

E McCallum closed the meeting thanking everyone for attending.