

Dunvegan Primary Parent Council Minutes

<p>Date: 9th March 2021 Time: 7:30pm (online meeting)</p>		
Agenda Items	Minutes	Action
<p>1. Welcome, Apologies and Thanks</p>	<p>Present: Catherine Matheson, Vicki Parfitt (Head), Marion MacGregor, Anna Campbell (Chair), Mali Messent, Corrie Robertson, Angela Beggs</p> <p>Apologies: Leona Coull, Fleur MacAskill, Katyana Ranicar, Blair Hunter-Davies</p> <p>Leona Coull is stepping back from the PC; all PC members expressed their thanks for her time and hard work.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes from the previous meeting</p>	<p>The minutes from the meeting of 30th November 2020 were checked and signed by LS on behalf of the proposer and seconder. Proposed: MM 2nd: CM</p>	
<p>3. Actions from previous meeting</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p>4. Covid-19 Updates</p>	<p>P1-3 children are now back in school with key-worker children, while P4-7 continue to be taught online. VP updated the Parent Council with new safety measures which are in place, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - enhanced cleaning of the school - class bubbles maintained during break times to prevent children mixing outside - twice weekly Covid testing for staff <p>These are in place alongside routines already established last term, such as the wearing of face-coverings by staff when working closely with children indoors, regular hand-washing by all, windows opened for ventilation, a one-way system in school, no shared equipment etc.</p> <p>Staff and parents reported that the children are excited to be back in school, and staff are ready to welcome P4-7 back into class from 15th March.</p> <p>It was asked whether taxi staff were being tested regularly; VP stated that she has contacted the HC to ask whether this should be in place and has testing kits available, but there has been no guidance from HC about</p>	

	<p>this so far. Generally it was felt by parents that hygiene measures in the taxis were very good.</p>	
<p>5. New School Update</p>	<p>An online meeting was held between the HC, PC and football club on 1st March to find out about the progress of the new school project.</p> <p>This was felt to be generally positive, with promises of progress in the coming months. The councillors are pursuing a building design which would favour a full build rather than the phased approach which had been suggested previously, as well as considering new housing and a football pitch area as part of the development of the site and surrounding area. MSP Kate Forbes also attended the meeting, and was keen that Gaelic Medium funding be sought as well as funds from central Scottish government to meet the costs of the project.</p> <p>New demountable buildings are being arranged to replace the nursery and E4-7 classrooms; these should be in place by Easter and ready to use at the start of Term 4.</p> <p>Staff were keen to have as much input as possible into the building design, and LS & AC will look into schools already using the 'Passivhaus' design being favoured by the council planners at this stage.</p>	<p>LS & AC to contact existing schools using the Passivhaus design</p>
<p>6. Head's Report</p>	<p>VP reported that the current curriculum focus was on Health and Wellbeing, with as much learning as possible happening outside. She made clear that children would not be under pressure to 'catch up' on curriculum activities, but that teachers would carefully assess children's current levels of understanding and that learning would happen at the children's own pace. Classes are using 'emotional check-ins' to enable children to express their feelings, and socialising time is being given high priority as children are meeting each-other again for the first time since December.</p> <p>Parent-teacher meetings will be scheduled for May, with some form of written report to follow later in the summer. The likelihood of schools being open during the summer holidays was discussed, but currently there is no guidance about whether this should definitely happen. VP suggested that summer school might involve PE or arts workshops, but would be unlikely to involve teachers having extended periods in class.</p>	
<p>7. Finance Report</p>	<p>MM has made corrections to the accounts given in November after working hard to double-check all the</p>	

	<p>invoices and payments made for the home learning packs put together for the children during the first lockdown.</p> <p>Money has gone out of the PC account since the last meeting for Christmas gifts and activities for the children.</p> <p>The PC still has unspent money promised from the Trust for trips and arts workshops, which has been carried over due to the Covid restrictions stopping these from taking place.</p> <p>It was suggested that money go towards some transition activities for the P7s, as they will not be going on the annual Raasay trip this year. Class teachers will also discuss ideas for local trips with their children which could go ahead in Term 4.</p> <p>The PC agreed to fund leavers' hoodies for the P7s as they did last year.</p>	<p>VP to investigate P7 trip/ activity day possibilities.</p>
<p>8. AOCB</p>	<p><u>Projected pupil numbers</u></p> <p>VP predicted that pupil numbers should allow the school to maintain 4 classes in the next academic year.</p> <p><u>Outdoor projects</u></p> <p>The Trust approved the schools application for funds towards a school/community polycrubb, and this has been ordered. Work now needs to be done to prepare a site. Although a new school project is on the horizon, it was agreed that projects to improve provision for current pupils should continue, including maximising the use of the outdoor space by removing the old toilet blocks from either side of the school site and replacing these with an outdoor classroom or yurt (which has been donated by Skye Eco Bells). Quotes will be needed for someone to demolish the buildings; VP will contact the Estates Officer for advice about proceeding with the work.</p> <p><u>Parent Council Email</u></p> <p>AC has become aware of an official PC email account, but is currently unable to access it. This would be the contact address for any HC correspondence with the PC, so AC will look into how to access it.</p>	<p>VP to contact Estates Officer re. demolition of old toilet blocks</p> <p>AC to investigate PC email account</p>
<p>9. Date of the Next Meeting</p>	<p>The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday, 27th April at 7:30pm. This will be another online meeting; VP will set this up and distribute the relevant access code.</p>	

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