

Parent Council Meeting Minutes
 AGM – Monday 26th April 2021 at 6pm

Present: Helen Lawson, Fiona Ferguson, Ruth Verner, Rachael Lockhart, Jeanieve Lambson,
 Louise Blue & Ilona MacLaurin.

Apologies:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Action</u>
Head Teacher’s Report Successes	Ruth shared a powerpoint highlighting successes, concerns and future plans over this session. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Returned to school safely and happily. - All COVID mitigations in place and adhered to successfully. - Increased cleaning hours as a COVID mitigation. - Isolation packs for pupils in the event of self-isolation. - No COVID cases yet – touch wood! - All ELC staff vaccinated. - Welfare calls to all families during lockdown 2. - Increased welfare calls with parents/families during 2nd lockdown - More autonomy over hub provision to support vulnerable pupils - Google Meets for P4-7 - Increased engagement with home learning activities in 2nd lockdown - Head of Education and Education Manager commented on how impressed they were with the quality of our school’s home learning activities. - Successfully reopened school post lockdown 2 - All staff working closely with parents of children affected by anxiety and support put in place where required - Staff now testing twice weekly 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health Protection Team thanked Argyll & Bute staff as cases on return to school were low in Argyll & Bute - All ELC staff vaccinated - Some teachers and ASN staff have been vaccinated - Very positive feedback from School Services Support Manager. - Pupils more engaged in home learning this time round. - Maths Mastery approach is in early stages but will help support Recovery Curriculum. - A number of new staff and ELC increased to 1140 hours. Transition has been relatively smooth considering the circumstances. - DHTs successfully ran the school in HT's absence. - Management contracts have all been extended to October. - Increased communication with parents - Newsletters - School website - Increase in roll – many placing requests - Clan elections still able to happen - Virtual assemblies are now run by clan leaders - Increased non-uniform and dress-up days - School events – World Book Day, Children in Need, Comic Relief, Odd Sock Day etc. - Competitions between home and school – Bake-off, Easter Egg Comp etc. - Increased outdoor learning - Easyfundraising - Hampers at Christmas – money raised - Enterprise projects raised money - Nativity was able to go ahead and film clips sent to parents - Student placements successful - ASN Assistant successfully accepted onto PGDE course next session 	
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<p>Concerns</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clan Committee and Eco Committee have returned <p>Ruth highlighted things that haven't gone so well/things we need to look out for.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Many children returned from lockdown with increased anxiety. We are monitoring this. - Move to Seesaw has been postponed due to GDPR. Argyll and Bute looking at a possible move soon. - Staffing is still unstable. Temporary posts/vacancies in teaching and management. - Clerical hours have been reduced from August by 5%. - ASN vacancies with increased hours for new session. - New Pupil Support Teacher in post plus additional 1 day just allocated after previously losing time. - Parking remains a big issue. - Dog poo. RV has spoken to council about it who said to contact the Police. - Playground surface remains a big concern. FF said it was raised at the last PC meeting. Mike was dealing with it with Ronnie. - <i>Added since meeting on 26.4.21 – Technology. We require updated interactive boards and projectors which will cost thousands.</i> 	<p>Police to do spot checks.</p> <p>RV to discuss with RG & Susan Tyre.</p>
<p>Future Plans</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children's University. We have registered with CU and current P6 will pilot the programme this term. Roll out to P4-7 next sessions. RV outlined the programme and explained how we will use it to celebrate and recognise wider achievement in our school. 	

Play Based Pedagogy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Northern Lighthouse Board have donated £250 (£50 a year for the next 5 years) in memory of Fiona Vick. Money to be used by school as a prize for STEM based skills. - Topical and training provided by Argyll and Bute. 	<p>Fiona Vick Memorial Prize will be awarded to a pupil each year for skills development.</p> <p>P1 and P2 teaching staff to attend training on 27th April.</p>
Childcare & Education Worker links between home and school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The value of Debbie's work, particularly through lockdown, was recognised. 	<p>Continue to maintain strong links between home and school.</p>
New Health & Wellbeing Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purchased to provide subject progressively and consistently. 	
Vision, Values & Aims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plans for Clan Committee to further embed the VVA across the school through games and activities. 	
Eco Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nicola Lane working with Eco Group to achieve 9th green flag. 	
Class to Class Transition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improving smooth transition between classes. 	
ELC Extension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plans to extend outdoor area are in the early stages. We will be involved and consulted with planning process. 	
Outdoor Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - P2-7 classes to receive ½ day outdoor learning session with instructor. 	
P7 Ardentiny	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trip cancelled but Benita Hensman-Martin to provide paddleboarding etc. outdoor learning sessions for all pupils. 	
Sports Championship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - P6 & P7 invited to sign up and take part from Friday 30th April. 	
P7 Leavers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plans in place to mark P7's final term. 	
Increased Lunchtime Clubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plans in place to increase the variety of lunchtime clubs available to pupils. 	

<p>School Inspection</p>	<p>Kirsty to run Gardening Club with a focus on disadvantaged children taking part.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is looming! On hold at the moment due to COVID, however we expect this to happen as soon as things return to normal. 	
<p>Young Leaders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allan Wright from Active Schools will run Young Leaders training for P5 pupils this term. Pupils will then run clubs when they begin P6. 	
<p>Parent Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RV highlighted her desire to work as closely with the PC as possible. 	
<p>Office Bearers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Office Bearers were appointed for the coming year. <p>Chair – Fiona Ferguson</p> <p>Vice Chair – Jeanieve Lambson Helen Lawson</p> <p>Parent Council and Fundraising Group will now join together and form one group.</p>	<p>Proposed by Louise Blue Seconded by Susan MacCallum</p> <p>Proposed by Louise Blue Seconded by Susan MacCallum</p> <p>FF to recruit new members.</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will take place on Monday 14th June – hopefully outside at Park School, in the quadrangle. <p>Meeting will be advertised to all parents nearer the time to invite all parents to join in. Agenda will be shared ahead of the meeting too.</p>	

