

Kelvindale Primary Parent Council



Minutes

Date:	Wednesday 27 th January 2021 – 19:00
--------------	---

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.0	<p>Present / Apologies / Welcome</p> <p>1.1 <u>Apologies:</u>, Alison Willacy, Abu-Zar Aziz <u>Present:</u> Alisdair Matheson, Barry Walker, Robin Dallas-Childs, Jacqueline Burns, Liz Rudebeck, Sean Murray, Stuart Donald, Mrs Matheson, Mrs Roulston</p> <p>1.2 AM welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
2.0	<p>Items of Business</p>	
	<p>2.1 – Head Teacher Update</p> <p>1. <u>Staffing</u> Mrs Matheson is now back full time after a phased return and thanked the staff team for their continued dedication and hard work - especially Mrs Roulston as Acting Head Teacher. She has been very ably supported by Mr Nicol, Acting DHT and our PTs Miss Cockburn and Mrs Thompson.</p> <p>Mrs Millar (P4a) is expecting a baby and will start Maternity Leave in April. Mrs Watret is due to return from Maternity Leave in May. Ms Julia Diverty has now left as Mrs Matheson is back.</p> <p>Looking at next year's staffing shortly, possible that the staffing formula may be down. Currently have 52 P1s registered for August. We are capped at 72 and basing current planning on 60. Numbers are down from previous years, but this could be down to external factors and may change.</p> <p>2. <u>COVID</u> We have a teacher self-isolating and another tested positive for COVID. This teacher was with P1 in school on Monday. The parents of the P1 children she was with have been telephoned and they have sent letters. These children have to self-isolate.</p> <p>3. <u>In school</u> Before Monday we had 38 children of key workers, 5 care experienced and 4 vulnerable children attending school some or all days.</p> <p>Most parents have been very supportive and only use us when they really need to and will not send their children to school on days when they are at home.</p> <p>Requests for places in school are still coming in. In order to keep school a safe place for staff and pupils we need to keep the numbers as low as possible. We currently have 5 groups which need 5 teachers. We also have 2-3 support staff and one clerical in school each day. We are trying to</p>	

	<p>ensure that all teachers who are not shielding or pregnant have only one day when they have to be in school. This could change. Teachers are already providing Remote Learning for their class as well as covering a school shift.</p> <p>4. <u>Remote Learning</u> Kelvindale were asked on Friday to take part in the National Remote Learning Survey by HMIE. The Inspector was impressed by all the Kelvindale Team had achieved in terms of Remote Learning and, this has been passed on to staff.</p> <p>We will be having live French Language lessons coming up for Languages week.</p> <p>“Fitness Friday” will be starting soon, Mr Rodger will conduct 2 sessions each Friday for P1-P3 and P4-P7. Details on how to join will be communicated in due course.</p> <p>AM asked about plans to rollout ipads to P6? There are no plans for this at present, as approach had to change due to Covid to ensure equity across the city.</p> <p>AM noted that Teams catchups etc are really useful, and some parents have been in touch to ask for recorded lessons / examples. Mrs R noted that some of the staff are starting to do this, we’re learning new techniques too and this will gain momentum as time goes on</p> <p>AM asked, how much progress do you expect children to make during this period? Mrs R noted that we remain positive, impacts remain to be seen and aware that some parents are more able than others to support learning – we’ll look at this on a case by case basis when children return</p> <p>SD asked about potential for Scottish Government to introduce phased return to school with younger pupils returning first, how might this affect school’s ability to support key worker / care experienced / vulnerable children from older age groups? Mrs M noted that would need to await guidance from Glasgow City Council and detail of any planned return to be able to ensure suitable provision.</p> <p>All expressed gratitude to all the teachers, leadership team and support staff for all the work they are doing.</p>	
	<p>2.2 – Pitch drainage/renovation & rear steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pitch – no further work carried out since last update. AM to follow up with Council, ideally would be fixed before school returns. - Rear steps – steps towards the top of the Weymouth Drive entrance/exit have now been repaired, any further issues should be reported in the usual way 	<p>AM</p>
	<p>2.3 – Traffic Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted that this is a lot better since introduction of traffic controls. - Did appear that parents of children still attending school may have thought this doesn’t apply due to lockdown, so information has been communicated to parents that controls still apply - Overall the scheme is felt to be a success 	

<p>3.0</p>	<p>Financial Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JB noted that there is £688.85 currently in the account and proposed that some money should now be handed over to the school. JB and AM to arrange transfer of funds. Mrs M noted this is likely to be used for general supplies to support home learning and some resources for in-school such as anti-bacterial wipes. 	<p>JB / AM</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>PTA Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PTA currently have £10,444 in the bank - They made £936 in profit from the 50:50 raffle held before Christmas - Monthly donations by standing order have increased during lockdown. - The committee agreed to buy 25 ipad stands at a cost of £572 for the school to be delivered on Friday 22nd January - The PTA purchased and delivered the snacks for the School Christmas parties, and this cost (c.£300) was reimbursed from school funds - Ideas were presented for the Mud Kitchen that will sit outside the infant building. The total cost of buying 3 off the shelf wooden benches and a sink would be around £600 and delivery would be free. The benches will be flat packed and will need to be assembled by a group of parents. The school agreed to look into getting an outside tap installed next to the mud kitchen. 	
<p>6.0</p>	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Noted that only one parent / carer per child receives emails / texts from the school – is there a way that others can get them too? Mrs R advised that the system is set up for one person per child, but there is solution if needed. Contact the school office to arrange as necessary</p>	
<p>7.0</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting 24th March 2021 at 7pm</p>	<p>AM</p>

<p>Chairman - Alisdair Matheson (P2 & 6) Secretary – Alison Willacy (P7) Treasurer - Jacqueline Burns (P6) Parent Members: Abu-Zar Aziz (P3), Robin Dallas-Childs (P2), Stuart Donald (P2), Barry Walker (P4 & P6)</p>	<p>Co-opted members: Gillian Roulston - Teacher's Representative Advisor: Barbara Matheson – Head Teacher</p>
--	--