



## Parent Council – Minutes

**Date:** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**Time:** 6.00 – 7.00pm

**Venue:** Thomas Muir Primary School, Base 9

**Apologies** – Ana Trindade, Ben Rose (councillor), Emma White, Paul Lassalle, Caroline Clucas, Ryan McAllister, Alan Moir (councillor)

**Present** – H Young (HT), M McAllister (DHT), M Jones (ADHT), Ms Morton, Ms Milenkova

**Parents** – Marie Claire Cairns, Eman Jihani, Kirsty McEwan, Laura McDonald, Linda Lumsden, Allison Lunan, Janine Wodzynska, Darren McNichol, Gordon Low(councillor), Thomas Moore, Peter Tracy, Susan Lunan

### Minutes:

Item	Decision/Discussion	Discussion/Action
1.	Welcome/Apologies	
2.	Head Teacher Update	
3.	Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Several maternity leaves upcoming.</li> <li>• No update on permanency of headteacher post.</li> </ul>
4.	Twitter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twitter account suspended temporarily due to an accidental data breach – database cross checked for any further errors and procedures tightened.</li> <li>• Electronic permissions slips to be reissued to parents.</li> <li>• Survey to be issued over the best and safest way to share updates – open platforms (e.g. Twitter) v more closed options (e.g. Teams)</li> </ul>
5.	VIP Survey (Parents and Carers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey followed concerns raised by parents.</li> <li>• Careful handover between teachers and early start in the academic year now ensures that all children will be awarded with 33 weeks available.</li> <li>• Survey revealed approximately 2/3 of parents thought it was a positive scheme.</li> <li>• Useful suggestions for improvement collected for consideration, alongside class specific award schemes.</li> </ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Continue to focus on relevant feedback and make it specific to each child's personal goals or achievements.</li></ul>
6.	Update on Reporting to Parents/Carers – Terms 3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Parent appointments brought forward to 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March (prior to P7 trip and Easter break).</li><li>Report cards planned for 2<sup>nd</sup> week in June.</li></ul>
7.	Traffic, Parking and Parking Signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Parking restrictions now enforceable (previously temporary, now permanent) – traffic wardens have been issuing tickets.</li><li>Concerns raised again about absence coverage for crossing patrollers.</li><li>Highlighted that the parking restriction signs could be much bigger, as per Lenzie Meadow surrounding streets.</li><li>Alternative signage considered too – Larger signs with specific restrictions on entrance fence/gates, customised child road safety signs, etc.</li><li>Aside - Proposed Angus Avenue signalled crossing – still no update, hopefully by the end of the year.</li></ul>
8.	Relationships, Sexual Health & Parenthood (RSHPE) - Information Night update and feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Change in curriculum, communicated to parents at evening session.</li><li>P7 to continue with SHRE due to time limitations – Roll out fully next year.</li><li>Positive feedback so far.</li></ul>
9.	Primary 1 and 2 Trim trail area – Maintenance and drainage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Property maintenance team visited and advised the drainage is not great, but also can't be improved on. TBD further.</li><li>Noted that parents can lodge concerns with EDC directly.</li></ul>
10.	Enquiries about criteria for snack and play sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Runs at Easter, summer holidays and October week.</li><li>School identifies families that could benefit, but still issue the letter to all families to apply.</li><li>Clarification that the criteria always existed but has expanded to allow access for more children.</li><li>Reiterated that any parent that thinks their child is eligible should apply.</li></ul>
11.	School uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Confirmed that school colours still apply on PE days – agreed that a reminder email should be distributed.</li></ul>
12.	AOB	See points 10 and 11.
13.	Date of Next Meeting	TBC