**St Ronan’s Primary Parent Partnership Meeting**

**9 March 2020 at 6.30pm – Family Room**

**Minutes**

**Present** – Keith Belleville, Sarah Birks, Liz Kerr, Aileen Borthwick, Andrew Thomson, Vera Dobie, Fiona Williams (Chair), Jane Bryant, Jillian Johnstone, Kate McMillan

**Apologies** –Jo Gaffney, Katharine Cotter, James Paterson, Russell Young, Jac Rorie, Dominic Finn

1. **Actions from the last meeting**

Path at rear of school to Tweed cabin path is still not sufficient. **ACTION** KB to action proper path. **UPDATE:** KB requested issue to be looked into on 10th March 2020.

* More visibility from Mr Paton / Miss Bean – during next parents’ night, they will be in a more prominent position closer to the main hall – e.g. family room or other area.
* Set actions on Curriculum Support Groups
  + Some changes made to groups
  + Discussed later in meeting.

1. **KB Update**

Coronavirus

* Advice now received by Parents on Group Call from Education Department joint with NHS
* Hand washing programme running up through school
* New freestanding soap dispensers to be distributed around school
* FW raised concerns over time available for children to wash hands after breaks
* **Action** Look at Hand washing before and after lunch
* **Action** contact facility services re hard surfaces. **UPDATE:** KB contacted facility services 10th March 2020

1. **New Nursery Extension**

Ongoing and on schedule, move in date - August 2020

* Break into existing nursery rooms expected in April holiday – P1s and P2s to move to existing nursery once new one completed.

1. **World at Work – AB**

* Feedback now back in from participants, but not children as yet
* In future KB/AB would have preferred move information in advance
* Confusion existed over the organisers - going forward, it was agreed a small group of parent council members will be appointed to collate and run this event from the outset to avoid any miscommunication.
* Committee agreed to have 2/3 members start process at Christmas Fayre again – but follow up with presenters earlier – with several parent council members each being responsible for contacting a number of presenters.
* Next year will have more rooms available and therefore possibly more speakers
* **ACTION:** October holidays set as start date for Parent Partnership to start planning

1. **Learning Journals**

* Staff have time on Wednesday 11th March 2020 to work on level progression.
* Promoting and pushing for more additions from home

1. **December meeting**

KB apologises but actions are delayed from December meeting as there has been an inspection at Walkerburn Primary School that is ongoing.

1. **Hoodies**

* KB showed scans of emails from KB and JR regarding parental request to have separate P7 Hoodies.
* In 2019 KB was asked if some parents could purchase hoodies outside of school and agreed as long as it was run out with the school.
* This year, the request was made again. KB does not agree with hoodies being part of the uniform and because of the room temperatures they are not suitable for wearing in school. KB concerned that hoodies may also be too much of a financial burden on parents
* KB has never been asked to change the uniform – asking if uniform review is needed – happy for parents to buy them and wear to school but they are not part of uniform
* SB – The PTA will potentially fund the purchase of some hoodies to ensure inclusion of all P7’s – parents can contact KN to discuss further.
* Going forward KB suggested potential review of uniforms. Council and KB also suggested working with current P6s to think about next year. P7s already get signed T-shirt and year book from School at the end of the year. Other points to consider:
  + Kingsland have separate colour sweaters that change colour every year.
  + Langlee P7’s have to raise their own funds to buy them
* **ACTION:** KB & Council - Next year to consider in advance by Parental Council – P7’s included earlier, and involve parents and staff

1. **Curriculum Groups**

* Maths - Jillian Johnstone and Fiona Williams – meeting with KB Monday 23rd at 7 – 8 PM
* Outdoor Play – Jo Gaffney /Liz Kerr – TBC meeting with KB w/c 23 March at TBC
  + **ACTION Liz/Jo to confirm with KB**
* Literacy –Jane Bryant and Vera Dobie - Monday 23rd March at 7 -8 PM meeting with KB
* UPDATE – following advice from headquarters on cancellation of all non-essential meetings, the curriculum group meetings will now not go ahead on agreed dates.
* ACTION - KB to explore how these can be taken forward using on-line communication.

1. **Shared Learning Events**

* w/c 23 March – all classes have events
* P1 – learning journals in hall
* P4, 4/5, 5, 6/7,7 open classrooms to view their learning
* P1/2 ,2/3/6 – ‘creativity in PE’ sessions run by Mr Paton in the gym hall.

1. **PTA Update – S Birks**

Last meeting early March

* **Film Night** – well attended
* **Beetle Drive** (2nd Year) – sparsely attended, good fun, good to get more people along, maybe change the time to earlier. A bar for parents was suggested but this is difficult to arrange when kids are attending
* **PTA Quiz Night** - planned Friday 24 April @ 7.30 PM @ Vale Club. More information to follow. Adults to inform colleagues, friends, the community
* **Bag to school** – 30th April 2020
  + **Duck Race** – postponed for now (Saturday 23rd May)

1. **Update from PC Co Chairs**

* **ACTION** Read email attachment

1. **Website**

* **ACTION:** Russell Young (RY) to contact KB re meeting. KB sent RY email during meeting to set up meeting

1. **PHS update**

* Meeting 12 March at PHS for Co Chairs to attend, no further information (forwarded to JR/KC on 2 March)
* **ACTION:** JR/KC to confirm attendance – email sent by KB (AT/FW to stand in if required)
* **UPDATE:** KC attended meeting. Suggested update meeting with Catriona Bhatia at St Ronans Primary in the future. ACTION: KC to liaise with KB and CB over next meeting

1. **AOB**

* None

**Next meeting – 11 May 2020**