

St Ronan's Parent Partnership Virtual Meeting

Thursday 19 November 2020

Minutes

Attendees: Catriona McKinnon, Caroline Elsey, Jac Rorie, Katharine Cotter, Russell Young, Liz Kerr, Andrew Thomson, Fiona Williams, Jane Shoesmith, Jo Gaffney, Kate McMillan, Jilly Johnstone, Sandi Caine, James Paterson.

Apologies: Vee Dobie

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Actions Carried Forward from last meeting Transport and Parking – School Traffic issues have largely improved but it was decided that a review of the School Travel Plan should take place. Action: School to contact Councillor Karen McGrath School Improvement still needs to be updated and shared on the website	 CE CE CE/RY
New Head teacher Introduction Caroline Elsey introduced herself to the group. CE begins full-time on 7 December but will be starting the handover process from 25 November.	
Head Teachers Update <u>Covid Update</u> Continue to follow national and local guidance, trying to ensure we continue to communicate with families any changes. Great support from families when face coverings in playgrounds were introduced and we thank families again for their support in this. The introductions of our Playground Zones was another change we needed to make in response to SBC guidance and again families have been incredibly supportive of these measures. Recent guidance regarding planning for Christmas events and how to ensure schools remain well ventilated over the winter are now available for us to make use of and to then communicate with families any local changes we need to make. Blended Learning plans remain in the background should we need to enact them at any point in the future. <u>Staffing</u> Mrs Callaghan begins a phased return after visiting the school this week, an e-mail is going to families tomorrow with information regarding this and the plans for transition. Miss Aitchison has returned on a part time basis and aiming for full time with P5 again mid-January. Mrs Anderson remains unwell and plans continue for continuity for P2 with Mrs Martin and Mrs Morris. Recruitment for EYP and maternity cover EYP also for ELC to hopefully interview before Christmas and have in post for January. <u>School Improvement Plan</u> Collegiate after school sessions, meetings and our upcoming In-service are all focussed on	

taking forwards key elements of our Improvement Plan. Virtual professional learning has been available to staff with a focus on–Writing, Learning and Teaching and use of the I-Pads to support this in classes. The SIP has taken longer to confirm as we took steps to complete some additional self-evaluation to ensure the priorities we were including were the right ones for the context we find ourselves in. Plan has now been finalised. Visit 1 from QIO was incredibly positive and confirmed our evaluation of where we are and what the priorities for improvement are. Both Dawn and Jan joined me for that discussion to ensure collective ownership and understanding of that self-evaluation visit. The plan will be available on the school website.

We continue to work with Cluster colleagues in our shared priorities and recently have benefited as a staff from attending cluster training on use of the I-Pads as well as a newly formed Early Years Network.

Evidence of the positivity in school at the moment could be clearly seen at our recent In-Service Days. Incredibly impressed as I have been repeatedly since June of the commitment held by all staff to improving learning and teaching. ALL staff (teaching and non-teaching) joined for session on Learning, Teaching and Assessment on Thursday and Nurture on Friday. We further developed our guidance recently developed for the teaching of writing and took part in further research into how children learn. St Ronan's Primary is in very strong place with regard to LTA framework, 4 part model and we now look to align this with SBC Framework for LTA and ongoing professional learning.

P7 Residential

Looking into extending work happening with John Muir award and local area, seeking input for outdoor education to plans similar activities as those that would be experienced as part of a residential. Mrs Huxley is able to provide refunds to those P7 families last year that paid their £20 cash for spending money. We are looking to see how to get in touch with those families to make the necessary arrangements to transfer money.

Year Book – update.

Mrs Anderson had taken on responsibility for this and remains unwell. She has very kindly been in touch with the progress made. Company are still keen to produce this for us and we now need to get in touch with a few families to get some additional info from the P7s. A few of the photos are showing as low resolution although we will be able to produce something.

Thank you to the PTA and I am looking forward to the meeting on Monday.

The PTA Halloween celebrations were a really lovely event in the midst of current restrictions. Tea towel and Christmas card sales have gone well.

Groups painting stone for rotary garden with Alex –It was great to be able to have a small number of children able to take part in an activity for community benefit again.

Assemblies continue virtually in school with our recent one focussing on BookWeek Scotland celebrations.

Art Club- P6 only continues.

Breakfast and ASC still well attended.

Attainment Meetings with staff took place last month and again really high quality dialogues about pupil progress and plans to revisit in December.

Learning Journals –as part of reporting to parents we shall ensure that all children have a Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing comment by the end of the year. This is scheduled for a discussion later in the agenda.

New Nursery Build progresses well. We are now at the planning to moving ins stage with the ordering of new resources about to start. Communication will go out to families soon regarding our plans for January and our move, over time, to the new building.

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Date and Time of Next Meeting – Thursday 21st January at 7:30pm	
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