RSV Meeting
Thursday 2nd May 2024
Teams, 8pm
Minutes

Present Emily Turnbull (ET), Peter Gibb (PG), Lindsay Morris (LM), Nathalie Dubanowski (ND)

Apologies Emily McMorris (EM), Susan Morgan

Meeting scheduled for 25th April was postponed and rescheduled for tonight

1. Headteacher Update
- Children have made a good return to school and looking forward to a busy final term
- PG pleased to have had the resurfacing work to the school path completed during the Easter Holidays.
- Disappointed to report significant vandalism took place within the school grounds during the break. Notably damage to the bike shelter and the area that has been freshly turfed beside the new path.
- Curriculum Leaflets/Padlets have been updated for this term. All information can be found via class pages on the school website.
- P7 Art of Listening Event has taken place.
- Youth Music Initiative continues for P1-5.
- Bikeability has started for those in P6.
- P5 swimming programme started well the first week back however the bus did not turn up last week. A call will be made first thing Friday morning to check pupils will be picked up this week.
- P1 took part in a Litter Pick as part of the School's Environment Initiative.
- The Equalities Group have had their first assembly.
- Looking forward to a lot of fun activities and trips for the pupils in the term ahead.

1a. Headteacher Response to Questions from meeting on 25th April
- **Path resurfacing adjacent to new Nursery/Library building**

This area does not fall under the remit for the contract.
It will be assessed for damage incurred during the build however as the project is over budget it is unlikely that a full path upgrade would be approved.

- **Concerns regarding sewage truck being in operation at Nursery pick up time**

Contractors have noted this concern raised by PG.

- **Nursery Building Update**

A revised date for completion has not been set but will be the end of June at the earliest.

- **Cross Council Nursery Funding**

Non-Edinburgh residents can continue to access their 1140 hours in City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) settings however, from August, not in Edinburgh Partner Provider settings.
PG believes that Edinburgh residents will be able to use their 1140 hours funding in local authority settings or in Partner Provider settings in Edinburgh but not in Partner Providers in other councils (e.g. Angela Elizabeth). He has asked for full clarification on this but is still awaiting verification. PG will update the RSV when he gets a response.

2. Classes for 2024/25 Session
- The RSV have made an appeal to the City of Edinburgh Council regarding cuts to RPS class allocation for the 2024/25 session
- ET and EM sent letter of appeal to Edinburgh Council, 4 local Councillors, our local MSP and the Education Minister
- ET and EM have also been in touch with the Educational Institute of Scotland, Teachers, Support Staff and Additional Needs Working Groups to discuss the concerns.
- ET was not satisfied with the response from the Council and did not feel their concerns were sufficiently addressed.

- Cabinet Secretary for Education has been helpful in providing a clear picture of the Council's responsibility with regard to the provision of education.
- Local Councillor, Stephen Jenkinson, will chair a meeting between The Head of Education, The Quality Improvement Education Officer for the school, PG and an RSV representative to discuss the concerns further. Date and time TBC.
- LM thanked ET and EM for all they are doing to tackle this issue.

3. SMART Board Fundraising
- The next big fundraising goal for the school is new SMART boards in every classroom.
- PG reports that the school received good feedback for their Digital Tech for Learning and iPad provision but the current SMART board tech is dated.
- PG would hope to start replacing the boards on a rolling programme as funds become available
- Cost per board including installation would be approximately £1200
- ET will check with Nadee Wijesurendra (NW) re current funds but is hopeful the RSV could start funding this project asap.
- RSV to liaise with Mrs Raeburn and Mrs Smith who are the ICT coordinators.
- ND asked if the RSV had considered an event like The Kilt Walk as a way to raise funds for the school
- ET said this is something that had been discussed in the past but neither her or EM have had the opportunity to look at it in more detail yet.
- ND has volunteered to coordinate a fundraising plan and feedback to the RSV.
- ET thanked ND and looks forward to hearing her plans.

4. Summer Fundraising
- ET and EM have noted that School Sports Day falls the day before Gala Day this year meaning a lot of pupils/parents will be invoked with Gala rehearsals, house and float decorating after Sports Day.
- Decision made not to hold BBQ this year but have a refreshment stall instead with drinks/ baking.
- RSV volunteers will be needed during sports day to hold finish line and hand out 1st, 2nd, 3rd place stickers. ET to share on RSV page.
- RSV will provide class treats towards the end of term.

5. AOB

ND asked if parents would be able to pay for additional hours at the school nursery?
- PG has not heard of this being offered in Ratho.
- Parents who opt for the longer hours over 2 days would have to pay for private nursery for any additional hours/days they require.

Is it possible to know in advance of term starting the number of gym days there will be (specifically for new P1 parents)?
- PG will review the wording in the P1 parent information leaflet and ensure it is clear that in P1 there are 2 gym days and 1 forest day and the clothing required on these days.
- The specific days that each class do gym is usually decided on the 2 in-service days in August
- Children are advised to come in school uniform for the first week of term until gym days have been confirmed.

ET asked if there are any plans for the old Nursery Building
- PG has not had official communication on this yet.
- The school could potentially take it over but as the council would no longer fund its maintenance it would not be financially viable.

When will families that do not attend Ratho Nursery receive information about P1 Transition Events?
- New P1 Parent and Carers meeting on Friday 14th June 1-2pm.
- Private nursery parents/carers will receive a phone call in the next few weeks where they will be given information about these events.
- Mrs Kamal is to visit the private nursery settings where possible.

Class Trips
- RSV will provide £100 per class trip
- ET has sent request for funds to NW totalling £1200
- PG has concerns over the cost of the proposed nursery trip to Conifox. ET will discuss with Mrs MacNeil and feedback to PG.

P7 Jumpers
- ET requested that the costings for this be put in an email for NW to approve.

Opportunities Fund
- PG will get a total sent to the RSV for approval but expects it to be less than previous years due to the change in payment options for trips etc.

P7 Christmas Fair request
- Request came to PG from P7 teachers on behalf of the P7 pupils
- Would they be able to get back their profits from their Sweet Stall at the Christmas Fair?
- ET will contact NW regarding the total and let PG know.

Date of next meeting - AGM Thursday 20th June 2024 (note meeting on 23rd May cancelled)