

MINUTES OF COCKENZIE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT LINK MEETING  
THURSDAY THE 22nd APRIL 2021  
MEETING TOOK PLACE ONLINE DUE TO CURRENT GUIDELINES

**Present:** Claire Jamieson (Co-chair and Parent Representative), Lynda Banks (Headteacher) Anne Thomson (Clerk), Morven O'Byrne (Parent Representative), Jennifer Harris (Parent Representative), Jacqueline Carpenter (Parent Representative), Heather Cadogan (Parent Representative), Lachlan Bruce (Local Councillor) Fiona O'Donnell (Local Councillor) Louise Philips, (Parent Representative), Eilidh Watson (Parent Representative),

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Welcome and Introductions:

Apolgies: Louise Clarke, Xanthe Duncan, Marie McMath, Alexa Hill, Sarah Cunningham, Neil Gilbert

Minutes from March meeting were agreed.

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Lynda is hopeful for a complete summer term in school. The children have all settled well back after the easter holidays.

Mrs Wright has joined as a temporary classroom assistant for 15 hours

There will also be another new start teacher in May

Keira King, the COVID recovery teacher has a new full time position at Longniddry. This does have a big impact as CPS has only had specific COVID recovery support for a few weeks and there is no new information from Scottish Government about whether this will continue into the new academic year.

Dog fouling continues to be a major issue at the school playing fields and there will be moves to close the gates that gives access to the field. This will be done in Partnership with the community and the councillors would fully support this move if this had to happen.

Fiona confirmed that this could be anonymously reported to the council via dog warden, any councillor or the contact centre.

The P7s will have a leavers hoodie thanks to a generous contributions by the gala committee, Community council and Links Garage. Cards will be available to acknowledge donors.

P7 are holding a raffle to raise funds and they haven't been told yet that their hoodies will be paid for.

Group will look into using school pay for fundraising during the next session.

Parent consultations will go into a google calendar and Mrs O'Connor has done a great job in getting this up and running. Parent council members found it easy to navigate, there was a slight issue with the P6 sign up, but this was noticed quickly and rectified. Lynda will be seeking wider feedback. It saves a huge amount of admin time and may be kept on.

There was some people climbing on the school roof during the holidays but there doesn't appear to have been any damage.

PLAYGROUND ENVIRONMENT

Louise has offered some artwork completed by their brownie group for the playground, this is in the form of mosaics for the quiet garden and infant playground. They are quite heavy and would need mounted. They depict woodland animals. Lynda is keen to get them and asked Louise to email with details and the names of the CPS pupils in the brownies that were involved as they could present these to the school during an assembly.

AOB

- Jacqui to check with gala committee if they have a balloon arch or some similar structure for P7 leavers.
- Claire to meet with Nicola Marr at the council to discuss traffic issue.
- Taxi still parking at the top of Osbourne terrace, illegally. We have the Taxi licence number to pass on.
- Eilidh is very impressed with the nursery transition plan, which seemed very well thought out, especially considering that the parents won't be allowed in. Lynda will pass Eildh's thanks to the organiser, Mrs O'Connor.
- Lynda will start writing the school improvement plan in the near future and will be looking for input from the group.

Date of Next Parent Link Meeting: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021