

MINUTES OF COCKENZIE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT LINK MEETING
TUESDAY THE 25TH MAY 2021

Present: Claire Jamieson (Co-chair and Parent Representative), Marie McMath (Co-chair and Parent Representative), Lynda Banks (Headteacher) Anne Thomson (Clerk), Morven O'Byrne (Parent Representative), Louise Philips, (Parent Representative), Sean Stitt (D Head Teacher)

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies: Louise Clarke, Xanthe Duncan, Alexa Hill, Sarah Cunningham, Jennifer Harris, Fiona O'Donnell, Jacqueline Carpenter, Eilidh Watson, Heather Cadogan

Minutes from April meeting were agreed.

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Hoodies have been handed out to the delight of the P7s

A survey is to come out about the school experience, including questions about experience during lockdown. Teachers will be given their own to complete.

Teachers currently look at the pupil reports

A permanent colour will be selected for the P7 hoodie. The P6s will be given the job of narrowing the choice to 5 and then it will be a wider pupil and parent vote.

An action plan is being worked on with the goal of achieving a Silver status as a Rights Respecting School, parents will be involved as will pupils as leaders. Rights will be embedded into the curriculum. Return to the responsibilities for P7s.

Positive In service day recently, where the teachers were able to focus on issues other than Covid.

Discussion about reinstating Houses and captains. Possibly Vice/Sports captains.

Overall in Scotland writing and reading attainment is very low and this is reflected at Cockenzie, we need a different approach.

An application has been made for the highest level of support from COVID recovery teacher on the basis of a rapidly changing management team and the fact that Cockenzie only received 6 weeks support out of the entire year.

School Improvement plan will be shared and discussed prior to completion.

Parent consultations online had an excellent uptake of 97% and overwhelmingly was a good experience.

Teachers also enjoyed seeing some of the parents for the first time and the online calendar worked well.

PLAYGROUND ENVIRONMENT

Updated via action plan

AOB

The council are visiting again to review the Inglis Avenue crossing. An informal headcount by the current crossing patrol on Edinburgh Road confirms that the Inglis Ave, South Seton Park Junction is far busier.

There would need to be a consultation with residence if it was decided that a permanent solution was required, like a zebra crossing.

Possible safety awareness campaign is needed.

Lynda verbally abused by a parent who was spoken to after stopping outside the school.

Date of Next Parent Link Meeting: Meeting and AGM