

DRAFT MINUTES OF COCKENZIE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT LINK MEETING
WEDNESDAY THE 9th MARCH 2022

Present: Claire Jamieson (Co-chair and Parent Representative), Marie McMath (Co-chair and Parent Representative), Lynda Banks (Headteacher) Anne Thomson (Clerk), Louise Philips, (Parent Representative), Sean Stitt (Acting Deputy Head Teacher), Heather Cadogan (Parent Representative), Xanthe Duncan (Parent Representative) Fiona O'Donnell (Local Councillor), Eilidh Watson (Parent Representative) Emma Ritchie (parent), Jacqueline Carpenter (Parent Representative)

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Morven O'Byrne, Eilidh Watson, Sarah Cunningham,

Time is tight for the meeting, so it was to be kept brief.

Novembers minutes were agreed, January's meeting had to be cancelled due to extra pressure on staff as a result of Covid regulations.

SENSORY ROOM

Emma Ritchie has been discussing creating a sensory room for children with additional needs with the school management and she joined the meeting to provide an update. She is planning a number of fundraising events and crowdfunding. We discussed project funding and Emma can speak to the PTA, who have access to a bank account, about fundraising via applications to area partnership etc.

The idea is to have not only a sensory room, but also multiple sensory stations outside classrooms where children may leave for a moment and de-escalate and teach techniques for self calming.

Parent suggested requesting donations for sensory equipment and fidget toys that may be unused in their houses. Large weighted blankets may be cut down for lap pads by some talented volunteers.

Updates and requests for donations and fundraising events will be in the newsletter.

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Lynda went through an update from the school, as we've not met for some time. The whole winter term has been exceptionally challenging, but she has made amazed by the resilience of the children.

The children are learning about Ukraine through Newsround and using good resources to talk about what they may be seeing and hearing which they might find upsetting.

There is still a lot of bureaucracy around school trips, although P7 transition events should go ahead.

Trim trail no longer meets the regulations for health and safety, so this will be cordoned off, awaiting council fix.

PALs – Pupils as leaders will be brought back in mixed classes and houses.

Lynda grateful and give thanks for Sean Stitt for the work he did on the Visual supports project where the school achieved silver level and will now focus on securing the gold award.

No plans as yet for any jubilee celebrations.

AOB

Claire will action the delivery of some free compost

Lynda wants to bed in some unique local history and heritage into the curriculum

Dates for your diary Parent Council Meetings:

4th May 2022

AGM 31st August 2022