

DRAFT MINUTES

Gullane Primary School Partnership Meeting

11th November 2020

19.00 – 19:30

By Google Meet

Attendance: Clare Jones (Chair), Jenny Gries (Deputy Chair), Joanna Heijmer-Mason (Clerk) Seonaid McGillivray (Head Teacher), Maxine Cowie, Angus McEwan, Morag Black, Gary Adamson, Leeanne Nicklas (Fundraising Sub Committee co-chair), Cllr Jeremy Findlay, PW, CC, SG, TH, LB, HS, ES, CL, FM, HC, HH, LJ, MCB, WS, VM

1 Welcome from the Chair

Apologies: Nicola Smith, Lottie Hutchison and Duncan Sutherland

2 Review of minutes from meeting held on 23rd September 2020

The minutes were approved with some amendments to names of members elected (item 6).

It was noted that Lucy McKay was not now able to review the annual accounts (item 5). Louise Bisset agreed that she would be willing to do this in future and was happy to be nominated at a future General Meeting.

3 Update from PTA

On behalf of parents, CJ thanked the PTA for the hard work so far and noted the very positive feedback on the Halloween activities.

LN thanked people who responded to the PTA survey about fundraising events. It was used as a basis for planning.

Calendars will be available shortly, will be available to order online and will probably be delivered to people's doors.

Upcoming Christmas event will most likely involve an outdoor activity.

It was agreed that PTA will fund food/snacks at class parties and popcorn for the virtual pantomime.

4 Update from Mrs McGillivray

Thanks to an approach from the Partnership to the Council, a new fence around school perimeter bordering Millenium Wood has been completed. The new gate is bigger so we can get grasscutter in. Wider gate also provides easier access for parents and children and allows for social distancing.

Following requests from parents for additional bike racks, there has been an additional one added at the West gate for p1-5s to use.

No staff changes.

There will be Christmas parties within classes. There are plans afoot for a shared celebration with parents, keeping in mind that COVID restrictions rule out singing at this time. The P7 panto will be streamed/videoed to allow parents to enjoy it. There will also be a Brunton pantomime shown in classrooms.

Mr Taylor (the incoming headteacher) was in last week and has met staff. He will return next week and will meet the children before the end of term.

Children seem happy in school. The weather has been good and children are getting out lots.

Following parent requests, children can now use library on Friday and Monday so two classes a week will access library in rotation.

CJ asked SM about Google classroom for P1. This has already been actioned and they all have accounts now. The class teacher is teaching pupils how to use and access their accounts before they will be expected to use them at home.

CJ asked SM about the differences in how teachers use Google classroom and SM said that it was down to teachers. SM will send a reminder to the parents that haven't signed up for guardian updates. CJ also thought it would be useful for teachers to remind parents how Google Classroom was used in their class, how often children (or parents) were expected to check for updates etc.

5 Construction

Building work is on track. The nursery extension is projected to be finished by Easter.

CJ asked whether any further action could be taken to deal with the problem of traffic and unsafe parking around the school. SM said that Grahams try to arrange deliveries not at drop off and pick up times but work is subcontracted and delays are inevitable. SM said that local people are advised to contact Grahams directly if they have issues with the work or workers. CJ asked people with concerns to contact the Partnership and general problems will be taken forward to the school. Parents were also reminded by SM not to park inconsiderately on blind bends, yellow lines, etc.

6 Appointment of new Partnership members

CJ explained the difference between attendees and members and invited parents who wished to be members to propose themselves. All parents and carers are welcome to attend Partnership meetings. However, only members are entitled to vote or to attend any parts of

a meeting held in private. Neither of these happen very frequently. Members can nominate themselves at any meeting and will be full members from the next meeting. Marie Claire Bradley and Vik McDonald are nominated and accepted as new Partnership members.

7 AOB

CJ gave a vote of thanks for all SM's hard work at headteacher and, most especially, during the last few difficult months. On behalf of parents and carers she wished her all the best for a happy retirement. SM thanked CJ and wished Mr Taylor all the best in his new role amidst an interesting and challenging time. She will miss the children and their chat.

8 Dates of Future Meetings

Wednesday 27th January 2021*

Wednesday 17th March 2021*

Wednesday 5th May 2021*

Wednesday 16th June 2021*

*The dates from January will have to be agreed with Mr Taylor when he starts.