

## **Minutes for 4th March 2024 Kilcreggan Primary School Parents and Teachers Council**

### **Attendees:**

**Charlotte W**

**Mel C**

**Eilidh P**

**Laura F**

**Lorna H**

**Mairi B**

**Olga M**

**Vicci D**

**Jess C**

**Allison S**

### **Welcome and Introductions**

**Chair:** Charlotte Wright

**Secretary:** Mel Cowdry

**Treasurer:** Pavla Radostova

### **Class Representatives**

P1/2 Rep: Pavla Radostova

P3/4 Rep: Vicci Deeney and Lorna Hampshire

P4/5 Rep: Eilidh Paterson

P6/7 Rep: Mel Cowdry

### **Items**

**School Trips:** Update from Mrs Smith. Stirling Castle which the children planned and was linked to their history syllabus. 75% discount for coach and free entry to the castle. Total cost was £3. P1/2 and P3/4 will go in term 4, this will be in keeping with the curriculum, Mrs Smith is in planning phase. Could possibly be the science centre in Glasgow.

Positive feedback from parents. However, it was felt that the trip could have been longer to get the most from the day. Mrs Smith will make enquires as to why the bus was back for 3 pm and will consider this for future trips.

**Outdoor classroom:** Pupil council have met and decided what they want. Raised beds have been ordered, soil is expected to be delivered. Mrs Kingaby is leading with this. Staff are encouraged to use this for teaching. Time outdoors will be increased over the next few weeks.

**Help in school grounds:** Hedging planting working group needed. Date will be 17th March 10-13:00. Mrs Smith to send out an invite. Mel to make a poster for the notice board.

**Afterschool clubs:** Football and netball are underway. P3/4 afterschool club to start in Term 4. P 3/4 have started touch rugby supported by Live Argyll. P4/5 will also have this opportunity, both classes are during school hours. Eco flag submission supported by the Pupil Council will be applied for soon.

**School Improvement Plan:** Writing attainment for the school is overall high. Teachers are doing research into teaching writing techniques. KPC will be linking in with other schools to compare teacher standards on assessment of writing, overall aim is to standardise teaching writing standards and assessment across the area.

In service day, educational psychologists based on PACE, focused on de-escalation. Mrs Smith to produce a parent guide.

Surveys for parents will be sent out in Term 4, parents are encouraged to give feedback which includes both positive feedback and areas which need development. Previous feedback for homework and reporting. Previously feedback from parents has been positive which is great but the school needs information about areas of improvement and what needs developing further. Educational advisor for assurance of school teaching will be visiting on 07 Mar 24, this is part of a routine assessment within Argyll and Bute.

**Library Furniture:** The children have chosen furniture for the library and equipment for each classroom, expected after Easter. This will be bought using the money raised by the PTA during the readathon last year.

**School Attendance:** Target set by A&B is 94.5%, school is at 93.7%. If attendance drops below 90% families will receive a pre-set letter as this can impact the child's education and wellbeing. Absence includes sickness and holidays in term time.

Mrs Smith has asked for ideas to encourage attendance:

Armed Forces families are excluded from this data set as they may only be able to take leave at set times.

- A parent has raised that it can be a confusing picture when the advice is to keep children away from school when unwell.
- Suggestion of a breakfast club or a walking bus.
- Pupil equity fund could be applied for to support families.
- Can absences be recorded to differentiate types of absence e.g. NHS appointments.
- Incentive scheme for kids, % of attendance certificate.
- Priority in choosing clubs for good attendance.

**Summer Fete:** To be held the first weekend in June. Suggestion for the local Fire Service to attend, raffles, tombola, beat the goalie, cake stall. Argyll Dance Company have linked in with Charlotte and are keen to support. Any other ideas of what we could have at the fete would be gratefully received.

**School Photos:** Angus and Amelia Photographer is now approved by A&B and has been booked for term 4. Mrs Smith keen to know if specific types of photos are wanted, e.g. class photos or individual or both. Questions will be asked on the school Facebook and WhatsApp groups.

**Website:** School website currently being redesigned. Minutes from meetings and agendas can be added along with additional information.

**School Uniform:** Items can be ordered directly from Smiths of Greenock online, school is looking towards using this company rather than holding its own stock. Question if this option is more expensive, Mrs Smith will research other options.

**Leavers Hoodies:** Thank you to the PTA for funding the P7 leavers hoodies.

**Community Sports and Recreation Group:** Cove and Kilcreggan have community projects which have been running for approx. 1 yr. The sports and recreation group is one of the groups in this project and is charged with looking into possibilities for improving sports and recreation facilities within Cove and Kilcreggan. One of the ideas is to help the school get a new Multi Use Game Area (MUGA) as the current pitch is not fit for purpose. This would be available for community use as well as use by the school. Mairi is leading this group. Mrs Smith, Mairi and Charlotte have asked A&B for a meeting to discuss how we can move forward in getting the MUGA started. This will include feasibility studies and funding applications as A&B have no budget to support us with this.

**Shade in the school grounds:** Charlotte is meeting with a company to discuss options and get ideas of prices.