

Present	Ann Wheeler, Stacey Panda, Hilary Gorrie, Laura Scott, Emily, Moe, Phil Kirk
Apologies	Vic Young, Mark Downie, Polly Markham, Cammy Day
Date	28.11.23
Chair	Ann Wheeler
Minutes	Stacey Panda

1) Previous minutes

Agreed.

2) Treasurer Update

Zoom licence has been paid, £150.

We have yet to receive the money from Edinburgh City Council awarded to each Parent Council for the running, Ann has been chasing this up with no response. Ann will continue to chase up and update at the next meeting.

3) School/ Nursery Update

P1 intake for next session

Currently 38 Catchment children with at least 12 out of catchment requests

Current P1 is full with 3 catchment children on the waiting list

Class organisation would be for current classes to move forward with 2 P1s classes, so 13 classes in total.

Victoria Early Learning and Childcare

Recent two day visit by the are Inspectorate

Grades as follows: (6 point scale)

Care 4 Good

Warm, nurturing relationships with staff. Lots of cuddles and reassurance

Play and Learning 4 Good

Very good, well organised areas in the playroom and outside. Staff well engaged and willing to learn

Leadership 4 Good

There was a strong vision which was based on children's rights. There was a commitment to involve parents and carers in the setting

Staff Team/Deployment 4 Good

There was a cohesive team with shared values. The senior leadership team lead with compassion, knowledge and passion

Nursery staff will now work to compile an action plan for the next steps for improvement

Camp

Thanks to the PTA for funding the coach.

First time doing camp in November and it was fairly dry.

Staff consisted of:

x2 P7 Student Teachers, x2 Class Teachers, Hannah (Transitional teacher), X1 PSA, Mark Douglas (PE teacher), and Sandra our Family Support Worker attended for half the week.

Thank you to Stacey for supporting P7 in their fundraising.

The 2 classes had lots of fun.

The Cost Committee has looked at the curriculum and outdoor learning. The idea is to make camp free for all. They are putting a report together which will go to the Scottish Government for voting.

Some of our pupils have met them and given them feedback, they will also be coming to see the pupils at school.

Sports

clubs that are running are busy- Hibs not enough spaces, a lot on the waiting list.

Hannah takes the hockey club.

4) Councillor Update

No councillors in attendance

5) Fundraising & Events Update

6) Safe Routes to School

U-turns happening at Kayleigh's post are concerning. Kayleigh does approach and speak to the parents but it isn't deterring them.

Michelle, from the Nursery, has been standing at Glenarm Place directing parents to David Lloyd for safe parking. This is effective when she is there but parents are quick to revert back when no one is there to stop them.

End of December it will be illegal to park on the pavement, report cars to the council for fines.

Email has been sent to parents highlighting the change in law.

Parent Council to issue an email outlining concerns

Laura had a good meeting with Allan Hoad a Transport Officer from Road Safety and Local Travel in the council on 10 th October.

Double Yellow lines around corners have been instructed and he will chase this up

A crossing for Western Harbour Drive is being designed. We are still to see what this might look like but it will be where Kayleigh crosses the road and there will be white lines on the road with belisha beacons. This will be quicker to install and the lights will signpost drivers to the crossing where pedestrians will have right of way. Formal drawings have now been requested and Allan's manager has said that it is a priority.

I have spoken to Paul Burrell who manages the School Crossing Patrol Guides. They are going to come and do a survey before Christmas to the crossing from Glenarm Place to Windrush Drive. If it fits the requirements it may be possible to have a school crossing guide there too.

He is also looking into the fencing from the building development covering the path.

Scott Arthur was emailed by Phil in regards to the speeding on Western Harbour Drive

Stacey's crossing point is now vacant and the role will be posted for recruitment.

Stacey to speak to Hilary about the unsafe crossing by pupils and their parents on Lindsay Road

Stacey to meet with the Junior Road Safety Officer about a campaign.

8) AOB

Wine Night- was a really good night and lovely to bond with other parents you wouldn't normally see.

Glenarm Place Development- Developing team have pulled out hence the pause in construction.

- These are to be mid market rents, Katrina is looking into this
 - Residents have been told that building has stopped due to lack of materials.
- Keep as an agenda item for future meetings.

Western Harbour ponds- the environment group is looking to link with the forest school group.

- P4 is looking at the natural local environment so may be a good option for this.

Park Road Park- lease is up for renewal but Laura has given 1 years notice. joint use will cease 31st October 24. Since moving to the new school we don't utilise the space much. The new lease would mean the council would be paying for maintenance.

Would be nice to have an event to mark the partnership.

Laura has been shortlisted for Teacher of the Year, Hilary will be accompanying her to the event on the 6th December.

Laura will be letting her bosses know about her plans to retire in January 24

Next meeting

16th Jan- AGM at Heart of Newhaven

All office bearer roles will be vacant