Riverside Active Parent Partnership

Minutes
24th February 2021

Present:

Headteacher	Michelle MacPhee	**Parent Members**	Roxanne Hadley	
Chairperson	Josephine Amos		Laura Livesey	
Vice Chair	Kathryn Anderson Jenny Robertson		Sarah McMaster	
Treasurer	Kirsty Watson		Kirsty Neilson	
Clerk	Kirsten Mitchell			

Apologies:

Item	Action Points
1.Welcome – Josephine welcomed everyone to the meeting	
2. <u>Headteacher Update – Michelle MacPhee</u> Thank you from Michelle for fundraising target being met for FitFeb. Beginning of phased return, nursery and P1-P3 back. Children all settled in well and delighted they're back. Highly likely remaining children back 15th March 2021. Hubs remain in place until all children return to school. Feedback for home learning much improved and quality of teaching and learning. School have acted accordingly to feedback. The children have provided positive feedback. They have been very resilient and have enjoyed being able to revisit lessons and watch videos again. Thought to be given for continuing this. All children have access to devices and all staff have laptops. Chromebooks for P5's received and will be given out when they return to school in March. They can use between home and school to enhance learning. Key focus since before half term is on quality of feedback and assessment – trialling MOAT – voice recording through google classroom. Set amount of time permitted so investigating purchasing a license to enable longer clips to be recorded. On return to school, mitigations will be put in place and updated Risk Assessments but again any donations of soap, tissues etc would be beneficial. Josephine asked if physical rather than donations of money. Container to be put outside.	MM – KM to share on Social Media and App

Printing cartridges working great, Kathryn has three boxes ready from her partner's work. Need to encourage people to put in the bags when dropping off. Kathryn will arrange to get to school. Roxanne advised we can link a box from someone else's workplace to our account. All staff lateral flow testing twice per week. Monday and Thursday. **3.Feedback from Parents/Carers** Kathryn fed back the voice messages are great. Her son was delighted to have a message from his teachers. Michelle said they are looking into headphones for P5 to P7. Sarah fed back that SLA's reading stories for children each week was brilliant. Jenny mentioned not much feedback from her child's teacher. Kathryn advised some other places to look for feedback. **4. Parent – Teacher Consultations** Should have been this week but waited on the outcome from FM speech this week. Suggestion is week between 8th to 12th March with parents requesting times. Offering Google Meet and telephone calls for ten minute slots. P4-P7 will still be at home so needs completed at some point across the week of 8th and 12th so parents would email preferences to teacher and can be during the day or in the evening to offer flexibility. Staged Intervention/Assessment meetings have all been arranged and anyone who has one of those doesn't require a parental consultation in addition. Kathryn asked why not hang on until all children are back in school. Michelle advised that if we wait until then it would move into My Year Of Learning (report writing). Parents have also had a higher degree of interaction with teachers during home learning.	
Kirsty mentioned that some pupils are more independent and parents might not have the same contact with teachers – Michelle advised that Google Guardian Summaries and explained what's involved– details on school website. Roxanne requested that maybe start meetings from 4pm to allow people to get home. **5. FitFeb Update – Laura** Huge thanks to Laura and Sarah for organising. Hit fundraising amount of £1000 today (24/2/21). 63 for daily Dumyat 58 for total Ochils 48 donations Hopefully more donations to come in once everyone completed. Keep the Justgiving page open for another week or two. Need to make public the amount we need to raise for the trim trail. Huge thanks for all efforts since last meeting.	MM will post google guardian information again on school app.

6. Fundraising Update – Roxanne So far have set up Ink Cartridges and will pop up a reminder every six weeks or so. Easyfundraising set up and paid every three months providing we have £15.00 Need to communicate that people can donate to multiple groups through easyfundraising. Name labels set up also in advance for new school year. Applied for £1000 from Persimmon Community Funds – find out March if successful. Can reapply eery month if not successful this time. £4000 funding request from MKM building supplies. Haven't heard as yet. Both applications are for the trim trail. Future events; Kahoot quiz – easy to set up and no pressure. Market night suggestion Cheese & Wine night – based on parents Maybe getting kids involved in school. Filling bottle with coins and class who fill bottle first get a reward or prize. Coin trail another option, each child brings a coin and places it in a shape drawn in playground or lay coins end to end and see how long each class can make their trail. Smartie tube challenge, give each child a smartie tube and they can eat the smarties and then fill the tube with coins and return to school. Laura mentioned having speakers/comedy night and doing a social event online. Sarah mentioned doing The Virtual Kiltwalk. They raised lots of money and Tom Hunter tripled the donations. Feeling being that it would be good to have a social event. Laura had previously joined another call and balloon race seemed a good idea. Roxanne has investigated companies running these or virtual duck race. One company takes 22% of takings and gives prizes. Another charge £36 and 39p per transaction for purchasing the balloon. There is a company who does the admin at zero cost but we would have to have a Lotteries Licence to operate. Roxanne mentioned hoodies, £1000 in bank for these. Michelle mentioned that P7's feeling disappointed at not getting to go on their trip. Currently in discussion with them about organising something special for their end of year. Josephine mentioned approaching Stephen's Bakery or Round Table for help buying their hoodies. Probably better coming from children than through Parent Council. Probably looking to order hoodies by May time to have them delivered by end of term. School will be supporting Red Nose Day in March. Friday after all children back in school so P7's working on organising this.	JA to approach both

Michelle outlined some concerns over some of the close contact (coin trail and bottles) given the current guidance. Might be something revisit at a later date. Smartie tubes seem a good idea as sent home and then returned. Laura asked Michelle about speaking with Pupil Council about fundraising ideas. Michelle will discuss at next meeting, likely be after Easter holidays. Sarah suggested another dress down day before the summer holidays. Minimal effort with good income. Rainbow colours suggestion – celebrate brighter days ahead. Laura suggested a talent show, kids could record their talent and parents pay to watch. We have Riverside's Got Talent and not sure of the format for this to go ahead. Michelle advised that not all kids can be filmed.	RH to circulate ideas after meeting to carry on the discussion
<u>7. Finance Update</u> Kirsty mentioned at last meeting bank account was £5173 £3200 for AP £900 for play equipment. £1000 to come in for FitFeb which will take account to just over £6200. £1050 is available to spend. Summary of accounts attached. Laura asked about P7's fundraising for their own hoodies. Kirsty asked about parents contributing. Michelle said the P7's will raise what they can and hopefully school could help with this. Hopefully an event can be held for them finishing P7. Josephine mentioned online banking for the parent council account for things such as Paypal. Kirsty advised that to apply for online banking we need to have a vote as a committee. Kirsten asked about benefits of online banking for a Parent Council account. Kirsty confirmed she would be happy to set up the online banking but is planning on standing down as treasurer this summer anyway. Kirsty discussed pros and cons of online banking. Sarah mentioned ParentPay at being a cause and there would be no charge for parents paying in. Committee voted to not proceed with online banking just now and revisit when a new treasurer in place. Kirsty has checked signatories and currently those are Josephine, Kirsten and Kirsty. Bank did not have a record of the debit card held by Kirsten. Debit card due to be renewed in October 2021. Josephine discussed Kirsty's time as treasurer and previously examiner of accounts and thanked Kirsty for help over the years. Kirsty said she would be happy to help with a handover. Michelle thanked Kirsty too.	KM to email ParentPay to check if there would be charges for payments to Parent Council

8. Charity Status

No discussion tonight as it's a big topic but Josephine asked if anyone wanted to look into becoming a charity. Kirsty has some knowledge of charity status as she is treasurer of another group who are a charity.

Josephine confirmed we could discuss further at next meeting and suggested asking Claire Cowie to investigate – she was interested in this idea last time.

9. AOB

Laura mentioned a child riding a bike in the playground around the nursery kids.
Roxanne said she had witnessed parents vaping in the playground.
Sarah asked if old uniform can be donated now or later. Michelle asked if she could hold onto the items right now.

DONM – Thursday 29th April 2021 at 6.30pm.