

## **KILLERMONT PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL**

### **Minutes 4 March 2024 (Draft)**

#### **1. Welcome and apologies**

**Present:** AM, CD, SR, RJ, RD, KT, CL, JK, SM, ES, CH, LM, GS, JT

**Apologies:** Cllr Gallagher, Cllr Moody

#### **2. Minutes of previous meeting**

Agreed.

#### **3. Other matters arising**

EMAIL FROM COUNCILLOR GALLAGHER RE. HALAL MEALS:

- Members received the content of an email from Cllr Gallagher with an update on this issue. Subsequent to receiving this email the school sent an email to parents asking them to contact the school if they were interested in halal meal provision for their child. 42 responses were received with 70 pupils interested in halal meals. This information has been forwarded to the Department in East Dunbartonshire Council responsible for school catering who are currently considering this.

ROADWORKS AT CANNIESBURN ROUNDABOUT

- The Chair has asked Cllr Gallagher to forward the plans for Canniesburn Roundabout, as discussed at the last meeting. This will be shared when available.

PATH FROM KINNAIRD CRESCENT TO RANNOCH DRIVE

- The path has been completed. Cllr Moody noted in an email that he thought the gully in the path may be blocked. ES will contact the officer who was in charge of the resurfacing to ask if this will be looked into.

PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

- There is no update yet on the painting of white lines around the school to improve the parking situation.
- Members thought 'Fast Feet Friday' may be having a positive impact encouraging less parents to drive to the school. Sustran will be doing a prolonged project with a similar aim to 'Fast Feet Friday' in March.

PARENT COUNCIL FORUM

- Will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **4. Afterschool provision**

- There was much discussion on this topic on social media. The afterschool provider held a meeting was held with parents who use the service. It was recognised that the cost of running the service was rising (such as through

the increase in the minimum living wage) and this needed to be accounted for.

- The afterschool service provider Director met with ES to discuss the feasibility of using the school premises for the After School club, however it was recognised that this would reduce capacity for the school to hold their own after school clubs. Experience from other schools who run the service in the school highlighted that it does impact on school teaching provision, such as having to finish certain teaching activities early to set up afterschool activities.
- The current accommodation in the church has been set up with the After School service in mind. It has the required storage and toilet requirements which meet Care Inspectorate requirements (who regulate the service).
- It was recognised that it is a privately run business, and the use of the service is optional. At the meeting with parents the provider agreed that the changes to prices could have been communicated to service users better.
- Parents who use the service were happy with the staff and agreed they would rather the service employs staff who are happy to work there and are paid appropriately.

## **5. Head Teacher's report and correspondence**

### **ACOUSTIC BOARDS**

- During the February break all classrooms in the end of the school with most classrooms have been fitted with acoustic boards. In addition to their intended purpose they have also helped with lighting in the classrooms.

### **CLASS ALLOCATION FOR 2024/25**

- P1 registration was earlier this year than in previous years. In a change to procedure, all children who are still four when they are due to start P1 can be deferred and start the following year; this may impact numbers.
- Last year 4 year group had class changes.
- In 2024/25: P1-P2 will likely change.  
P3-P4 will likely change. Composition won't be determined until final numbers are known.  
P5-P6: have been 4 years in these class groups, will likely change. Parents all agreed this would be a good idea. They liked the process used last year where pupils are asked for names of three of their friends they would like to be in class with and will get at least 1 person from this list. It is likely this class composition would then remain the same in P7.

### **COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY**

- At Parent's evening this will be the subject of the Parent Council's consultation.
- The PTA thought the idea of having a set cost for School Trips (which is the same for all pupils in all years) was a good idea, so parents know what to expect.

- The KPS pupil forum reps are keen to focus on the cost of the school day as a discussion topic for their wider forum. ES and SM will meet with the pupil forum reps to discuss.
- Information on the P7 residential trip has been shared with parents.
- Spring Fair pre-loved uniform sale will take place again. It was suggested that at Parents Evening the Parent Council could ask what the barriers are to using the pre-loved sale.

#### RETIREMENT

- ES had decided to retire. She has been HT at KPS for 21 years and feels now is the right time for this decision.
- Mr Bremner (Chief Education Officer at EDC) has written a letter which will be sent to parents tomorrow, 5<sup>th</sup> March at 9:30am.
- The school staff have been informed.
- The Parent Council will be involved in the recruitment process for the new HT.

#### 6. AOCB

- Parent Council members agreed to help at the Parent Council stand at the Parent's Evening and details of availability were shared with the Chair.

#### **Scheduled dates and times of next meetings:**

Monday 20/05/24 at 6.45pm at Boclair Academy