

## **Parent Council meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> February 24

**Location:** Woodlands Hall, Comely Park

**Present:** Gemma Young, James McGrath, Chris McCreath, Koyejo Olugbile, Carol McGovern, Lauren O'Donnell, Karen Kerr, Catherine Bradbrook

**Apologies:** Laura McLintock

### **1. Chair's Welcome**

- The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees and introducing each member present.

### **2. Minutes of last meeting –**

- The minutes from the previous meeting held on 2nd November 2023 were approved and adopted without amendments.

### **3. Treasurer's Update**

- The account transition to Virgin has been successfully completed.

### **4. Parental Engagement**

#### **Improvement Plan**

- Literacy page on School Website has been updated following [Parent Council feedback on Literacy priority in 23/24 Improvement Plan](#)
- Parent Council to be consulted on 24/25 Improvement Plan

#### **Literacy and Numeracy Curriculum Event**

- The event provided parents with an overview of the curriculum and guidance on assisting their children.
- Content would not be uploaded to website as it was personalised to each class.
- Parents are encouraged to proactively contact the school about their children's development outside of scheduled parents' nights.
- A suggestion was made to tailor the curriculum to meet individual students abilities – Mr McGrath explained this is constantly done on a daily basis within the classroom

#### **Parental Communication on Learning**

- Updates on See-saw and Showbie were provided by Mrs. Young:
  - Showbie, at a cost of £3,000 per annum, does not meet the school's requirements and will not be pursued.
  - See-saw, currently non-compliant with GDPR due to its U.S. base, may become viable as it plans to establish a base in London, which could address the GDPR compliance issue.
  - A potential for See-saw includes translation capabilities in over 100 languages.
  - Falkirk Council's legal team is investigating privacy concerns with X (Twitter) concerning its data policies.

- Class Dojo was discussed; however, it poses GDPR issues and incurs costs for parent access.
- It was decided to maintain the current communication channels (email and phone) without moving to instant communication methods.

### **5. Dog Fouling - update**

- Issues with dog fouling, syringes, broken glass, and vapes can be reported to Falkirk Council, which will address them.
- The school has agreed to support efforts by laminating and displaying posters and organizing community litter pickups.

### **6. Woodlands Update**

Update given on pitch [as per previous minutes](#).

### **7 Head teacher's Update.**

- The school is currently experiencing high levels of staff sickness.
- Anticipated budget cuts amounting to £34 million will affect the education sector.
- Comely Park receives only a very small allocation of "Pupil Equity Fund" money compared to many schools within our cluster due to our levels of deprivation.

### **Any Other Business**

#### **Date of Next meeting**

**Date:** 23rd May 2024

**Format:** Hybrid meeting scheduled to commence at 7 PM.

**\*\*ACTION\*\*Parent Council – To communicate the decision to maintain current communication methods (email and phone) to the wider parent body:**

[Communication Guidance](#)

[Comely Park Primary School - Reporting to Parents](#)

**\*\*ACTION\*\* Headteacher –**

- **To update parent council on the outcome of Falkirk Council's legal team data privacy concern investigation with X(Twitter).**
- **To support community efforts by laminating and displaying posters and organizing community litter pickups.**