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# **CORNBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP**

# **Minutes of Meeting on**

# **Wednesday 20 October 2015 at**

## **6.45 p.m. at Penicuik High School**

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| **Present** | **Apologies** |
| Susan Allen (Parent)Susan Bowen (Head Teacher)Laura Cameron (Depute Head)Mary Hadwen (Parent)Carol Hodgkin (Parent)Claire Muir (Parent)Louise Shepherd (Parent)Alasdair Sprott (Parent)Jenny Sprott (Chair, Parent)Lynsey Weir (Minutes Clerk) | Gillian Cairns (Parent)Trish Watt (Treasurer, Parent)Lyn Young (Parent)Katrina McDonald (Parent) |
|  |  | **ACTION** |  |
| **1.0** | **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES.** |  |  |
|  | Jenny Sprott opened the meeting by welcoming all. Apologies were noted as above.  |  |  |
| **2.0** | **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES.** |  |  |
|  | Minutes 2 September 20151) Jenny Sprott advised that the bank account has now been transferred to the Bank of Scotland which will allow online banking.2) Jenny Sprott to check with Kevin MacGuire at Midlothian Council regarding the audit of the bank account.3) Carol Hodgkin had been missed off the attendees from the last meeting.4) An issue Carol had raised at the last meeting had also been missed off the minutes. Apologies to Carol for this oversight.It was raised as a concern about Twitter and how much information was being posted – specifically with regard to class twitter feeds and photos of individual children with names. This was discussed fully – Information posted, photographs, class twitter feeds, Midlothian policy on using twitter. It was suggested that school could look at closing class twitter accounts and making them private. School would look at this but it would cause an issue as they would be unable to retweet. * Details were briefly discussed again - although school are keen to keep the class accounts open, they will look at what information is posted.
 | **Jenny Sprott** |  |
| **3.0** | **APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL OFFICE BEARER.** |  |  |
|  | 1. Jenny Sprott advised that Claire Muir has put forward an interest in standing for the role of Vice Chair. Jenny Sprott proposed the nomination and Louise Shepherd seconded. Welcome aboard Claire! Jenny Sprott to email all regarding a new email list and members.
 | **Jenny Sprott** |  |
| **4.0** | **SCHOOL MATTERS.** |  |  |
|  | 1. Our new Principal Teacher Mr Drysdale starts next Tuesday.
2. The lack of supply teachers is proving a real issue for Cornbank as well as within Midlothian.
3. Kids are enjoying the new Trim Track. They have all had a chance to do a risk assessment themselves. There is a rota but all classes getting a chance to have a turn.
4. The gym hall has been re-painted and looks much fresher.
5. The ‘Standards & Quality’ report has been issued to parents.
6. Susan Bowen ran through part of the school improvement plan which includes setting up groups to encourage sustainability and develop certain areas. They will be made up from children in years P3-P7. P1 and P2 will still be involved in groups and discussions. ; Better Eating; Visible Learning; Outdoor Area for Nursery; Sustainability & Global Citizenship, Eco group etc. Each teacher will work with a group and help the children develop their ideas.
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| **5.0** | **TREASURERS REPORT.** |  |  |
|  | 1. Bank account details to be confirmed. Approx £7000 from last statement. Jenny Sprott welcomed ideas for spending funds on, items discussed were: Ipads; Generation Science; Games; Library books; Christmas Show and play equipment.
2. Jenny Sprott suggested setting up a sub-group for this area. Jenny Sprott to put more information out regarding this via Facebook and Survey Monkey.
 | **Jenny Sprott** |  |
| **6.0** | **UPDATE ON PLAYGROUND.** |  |  |
|  | 1. Louise Shepherd confirmed that over £20K worth of improvements have taken place within the school playgrounds, this includes; Trim Track; Playground markings; Bark; Football Goals; Basketball nets and Court markings.
2. A smaller Trim Track within the P1 playground area is in discussion possibly involving moving the blue container to accommodate it.
3. Table tennis for all classes was discussed. Laura Cameron to check with pupils if this is of interest and if so the Partnership agreed to fund some removable nets which can be fitted to the school desks and used in wet weather, golden time etc.
4. Louise Shepherd was able to obtain a set of football strips for free from a contact. These will be well used by pupils at competitions. Many thanks Louise!
5. A launch event and thank you to those who supported the Trim Track will take place on Friday 6 November to which the local Councillors, Advertiser and Evening News have been invited.
 | **Laura Cameron** |  |
| **7.0** | **SPTC – PARENT COUNCIL TRAINING.** |  |  |
|  | 1) Jenny and Alasdair Sprott attended a recent Parent Council Essentials training session. The event was very informative and provided information sharing between schools on communication methods; ideas and fundraising. These are open to all parents and they would encourage anyone to attend future sessions |  |  |
| **8.0** | **HALLOWEEN PARTIES UPDATE.** |  |  |
|  | 1) Claire Muir ran through plans for the Halloween discos to be held on Thursday 29 October. There will be registration on the door, disco and lots of games. All help welcome! |  |  |
| **9.0** | **COFFEE DEN.** |  |  |
|  | 1) Jenny Sprott to confirm dates for coffee dens and Susan Bowen will put them in the newsletter.2) Speakers for the coffee den were discussed and ideas include; Changing Faces; School Nurse; Doctor Bike. | **Jenny Sprott/Susan Bowen** |  |
| **10.0** | **BUDDY BENCH.** |  |  |
|  | 1) The idea of a ‘Buddy Bench’ as shown on Facebook was discussed. Laura Cameron advised that a ‘Friendship Stop’ is already in place but will discuss with pupils for their views and report back. | **Laura Cameron** |  |
| **11.0** | **RUN A MILE.** |  |  |
|  | 1) Jenny Sprott to place on agenda for next meeting. | **Jenny Sprott** |  |
| **12.0** | **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.** |  |  |
|  | 1. Susan Bowen to mention the School Gardening Club within the next newsletter.
2. Laura Cameron highlighted the class DoJo App which is an interactive way to see what happens on a daily basis in a class and is a free online system which can be used as an App or on a PC.
3. Dawn Carter suggested involving pupils in the refugee crisis for example befriending. Dawn was keen to help out if it suited. Susan Bowen to take forward with Ann Ball and the Pupil Voice.
4. Susan Bowen confirmed that regarding playground damage all incidents are being logged and reported by the Janitor to the Police in order to build up a history of events.
5. Susan Bowen reported that the Bavelaw Crescent Neighbourhood Watch have been in touch regarding problems with parking and blocking or banging into garages. Susan Bowen to highlight this in school newsletter and ask all to be considerate and advise that the JRSO’s and Gillian Bathgate, Midlothian Travel Co-ordinator will be monitoring the situation and promoting the Park and Walk Campaign. There are areas designated as park and walk to school – on Rullion Road in particular. These have been highlighted in the past and may be worthwhile mentioning again.
 | **Susan Bowen****Susan Bowen****Susan Bowen** |  |
|  | **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**1) The next meeting will be on Tuesday 24 November 2015, at 1845hrs in Penicuik High School. |  |  |