

# CORNBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

## Minute of Meeting on Thursday 27 February 2020 at 6.30 p.m. at Cornbank Primary School

### Present

Laura Cameron (Head Teacher)  
Andrew Drysdale (Principal Teacher)  
Lorna Glasgow (Parent)  
Carol Hodgkin (Parent)  
Katheryn McIntosh (Parent, Treasurer)  
Pauline Pender (Parent, Rotating Chair)  
Lynsey Weir (Minutes Clerk)  
Lynn Young (Parent, Secretary)  
Danny Simpson (Active Schools)

### Apologies

Lucy Brown (Parent)  
Susan Cochrane (Parent)  
Lesley Deas (Acting Principal Teacher)  
Mary Hadwen (Parent)  
Matt Harrison (Parent)  
Katrina McDonald (Parent)

### ACTION

#### 1.0 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES.

Pauline Pender opened our meeting by welcoming all and introducing our guest speaker, Danny from Active Schools. Apologies noted.

#### 2.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTE.

Minute of meeting on 13/11/19

- 1) Minutes approved.

#### 3.0 ACTIVE SCHOOLS

Danny provided an update for Active Schools, which included:

- An overview of the new term for Active Schools Program.
- Rugby plans.
- Cricket plans.
- Running club plans with assistance from parents.
- Laura Cameron invited Danny to the school event in June.
- P6 Wellbeing event to be held at PHS on 2 April.

#### 4.0 SCHOOL UPDATE.

##### Staffing:

- Susie Turnbull absent at present. Planning for class and some cover from Lesley Deas and Andrew Drysdale. Also support from part-time members of staff. Susie returning on Monday. Thanks to all families for your support.
- Louise McGlade returning from Maternity Leave
- Vicki Murphy due to be starting Maternity Leave towards end of session

##### School Improvement Plan:

- Learning and Teaching: Looking at developing policies across school and embedding new planning formats
- Literacy: Continuing to develop use of Visual Signs around school. Writing policy reviewed and updated. New 'Key Words Spelling Booklets' issued to ensure effective transition.
- Numeracy: continuing work on assessment and moderation to ensure that pupils have the opportunity to apply skills in different settings. Problem Solving materials being rolled out across school and tracking system developed

- Digital Learning: Further training with Google Slides and Green Screen. Looking to purchase new resources to use across the school.

### **What's Been Happening Since We Last Met:**

- P6 CiC and graduation ceremony
- Children in Need assembly and other activities
- Pupil Voice Groups
- P1-3 Read, Write, Count afternoon
- P6 & 7 author visit at library
- Book Club continuing
- Teacher visit to S1 numeracy class at PHS
- Penicuik Learners at Cornbank
- WWII Outreach visit to P7
- P6 parents in to class to talk about their work
- P7 class assembly
- PHS work experience pupils
- P4, P4/5 and P5 Brazilian Samba drumming
- **Christmas Fair**
- Choir sang at Broomhill Day Centre and Tesco
- P1 Nativity to school and families
- House Assembly and treat
- Nursery-P7 Parties - thanks to Partnership for support
- Whole school pantomime
- Church visit
- P6 Relationships Education Talk to families
- LOLs issued
- Pupil Voice Groups meeting
- P7 to Risk Factory
- Scots Focus Week and assembly
- Penicuik Learners visiting Cornbank PS
- P1-3 Shared Start
- P7 Rotary Quiz
- P6 and P7 Sports Leaders - Edinburgh College and PHS for a 6 week block
- Wider Achievements assembly
- P4, P5, P2/3 Class Assemblies
- Seasons for Growth has started - PEF Funding
- 7th Green Flag awarded
- STEAM Club started
- P1 classes to Rosslyn Chapel Workshop

### **Sporting Events**

- 2 Second Level pupils - Edinburgh Schools Swimming Competition - 1 through to Scottish finals
- P5 Skiing
- Boyd Anderson Ski Race
- P6 - Sportshall Athletics
- P7 pupil taking part in Scottish Schools Swimming Championships
- P6-7 Netball Competition
- Parkour, Gymnastics clubs
- Active Schools Fancy Footwork and Tennis Clubs

### **Key Events Approaching in Term 3**

- P2 class assembly
- Teacher Peer Visits
- Fairtrade Fortnight activities
- P6-7 Active Schools Basketball competition
- Basketball Final - Emirates Arena
- Penicuik Learners meet
- ASG Maths CAT Session
- Drumming for P4-6
- P2, P2/3 and P3 to Edinburgh Castle
- Parent/Pupil/Teacher Consultations
- Pupil Conference
- P1 and P7 Class Photos
- Eden Rock Climbing Competition
- RRSA Visit
- Nursery/P1 Grandparents' Day
- Cornbank's Got Talent
- P6 PHS HWB Event
- P5-7 Hockey Competition
- Easter Service
- P6 Camp
- P7 Open Afternoon at PHS for parents
- P5 Active Schools Golf
- Nursery-P1 Transition starts

### **5.0 TREASURER REPORT.**

- 1) Katheryn McIntosh advised that the balance of the account is £5,617.74.
- 2) The Christmas Fair raised a profit of £1,559.25 (raffle £705 and fair £854.24).
- 3) Expenses include £171 for the Christmas Parties and £40 to renew the gambling licence.

### **6.0 FUNDING REQUESTS.**

- 1) Laura Cameron requested funding of £5 per P7 pupil (32 pupils) towards their Leavers trip. All agreed. Katheryn McIntosh to action payment.
- 2) A funding donation towards the P7 was discussed but will be considered at the next meeting when more information is available.

**KM**

### **7.0 UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS.**

- 1) Midlothian budget cuts: Pauline Pender shared an update. Our letter in association with the other primary schools was submitted. Following correspondence with an MSP and attendance at a 'Engaging with Scottish Parliament' workshop, Pauline will draft a follow up letter for submission.

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### **8.0 SPRING FUNDRAISER.**

- 1) Pauline Pender asked for suggestions for a Spring Fundraiser. Last years idea of a Barn Dance unfortunately had to be cancelled due to poor ticket sales.
- 2) Suggestions include – A 'Copper' trail; Chick Drive.

- 3) After discussion it was agreed to not run a big Easter fundraiser due to other in house fundraisers being held and time constraints. It was noted that our bank balance is healthy at the moment.
- 4) Laura Cameron suggested asking parents at Parent Consultations for fundraising event ideas and offers of assistance. The idea of a “take home” Easter quiz was suggested for sale at the Parent Consultation, in aid of a new Ipad.

#### **9.0 DRAFT SCHOOL SESSION DATES.**

- 1) Pauline Pender shared the draft school session dates for 2021/22. Feedback can be submitted to Midlothian Council.

#### **10.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

- 1) RRSA – Andrew Drysdale asked for volunteers to come in and speak on the 31 March to help us gain our silver award.
- 2) Survey – Laura Cameron checked that all have been able to access the survey and answer. Reminder to be put on Facebook page.
- 3) P7 Leavers – Laura Cameron advised that we are now out of the P7 leaving mugs, do we want to order more? To be considered.
- 4) Smart watches – Laura Cameron asked for views on whether smart watches should be allowed or banned like mobile phones. All agreed that they are distracting, Laura Cameron to put something in the school newsletter.
- 5) Policies – Laura Cameron advised that we have been working on updating our policies and adding more to fit in with our current curriculum issues. Will be placed on the school website for information.
- 6) It was noted that the playground has been icy recently. Laura Cameron advised that the Janitor is only supposed to clear and grit one safe pathway into school. The other areas are left and pupils are aware that they should not be going on them but will be reminded.

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**LC**

#### **11.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

- 1) The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 April 2020, at 1830hrs in Cornbank Primary School. Lorna Glasgow will Chair this meeting.
- 2) Future meeting dates are set as follows – Wednesday 10 June 2020 (AGM and meeting). Venue confirmed as Cornbank Primary for all meetings.