

# CORNBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

## Minute of Meeting on Wednesday 26 August 2020 at 6.30 p.m. via Zoom

### Present

Laura Cameron (Head Teacher)  
Andrew Drysdale (Principal Teacher)  
Stacey Anderson (Parent)  
Lucy Brown (Parent, Rotating Chair)  
Susan Cochrane (Parent)  
Mary Hadwen (Parent)  
Carol Hodgkin (Parent)  
Annette Lang (Parent)  
Katheryn McIntosh (Parent, Treasurer)  
Yvonne Scott (Parent)  
Lynsey Weir (Minutes Clerk)  
Lynn Young (Parent, Secretary)

### Apologies

Lorna Glasgow (Parent)  
Pauline Pender (Parent)

## ACTION

### 1.0 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES.

Lucy Brown opened our Zoom meeting by welcoming all. Apologies noted.

### 2.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTE.

Minute of meeting on 27/02/20

- 1) Minutes approved.
- 2) It was noted that no meetings had been held since this date due to Covid-19.

### 3.0 SCHOOL UPDATE.

- 1) Laura Cameron thanked everyone for their support during these trying times. It is lovely to have the pupils back in school.

#### **Staffing:**

- Welcome to Becky Young (P7), Katie Johnstone (P6), Hannah Grieve (P2) and Jennifer Melvin (P2) on a full time basis
- Congratulations to Vicki Murphy who had a baby boy
- Lesley Deas supporting Cornbank from home and learners across the authority
- Jeff Higginson - major operation and janitorial cover provided by George and Daryl.

#### **School Improvement Plan:**

- Learning and Teaching: Continuing to develop Practitioner Enquiry, developing play in the Early Years, assessment following school building closure
- Literacy: Continuing to develop use of Visual Signs around school. Embedding teaching of common words.
- Numeracy: Continue to develop Problem Solving and assessment - work unfinished from 19-20. Embed identification of next steps in Numeracy.
- Digital Learning: Look at progression with digital skills, continue to upskill staff and provide support to families as appropriate

- Health and Wellbeing: Develop 'Zones of Regulation' work; develop recovery curriculum

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

#### **Lockdown Support**

- Supporting Mauricewood Hub
- Delivering lunches with Cuiken PS
- Google Classrooms, check ins with families
- Virtual Sports Week
- Virtual Transitions - class to class, ELCC-P1, P7-S1

#### **Return to School Preparation**

- School building has been well cared for during closure - water checks, playground drainage repaired
- Blended learning has been planned for, if required at any point in the school year
- Guidance reviewed and updated from Midlothian on a continuous basis
- Thank you for understanding with lunches, staggered starts and finishes
- Staggered breaks and lunch in operation to reduce contact between classes
- No assemblies or gatherings
- PE must be outdoors (separate PE guidance issued by Scottish Government)
- Lunches provided to P1-3 and all classes eating in classrooms
- Visitors cannot enter school - rethinking our Meet the Teacher, parents' consultations
- Google Classrooms being set up for this session - contingency planning and to facilitate home learning
- Forms, books etc must be quarantined for 72 hours on return to school

#### **Return to School**

- Children settling back in quickly and well
- In Service Days - looked at setting up, Child Protection, Recovery Curriculum
- Assessments taking place in a gentle, appropriate manner
- P1s in full time
- Class newsletters being issued
- Class Charters being looked at and developed
- P7 House Captains' Elections being prepared
- Each class is adopting a Pupil Voice Group
- Further dates to follow

## **4.0 TREASURER REPORT.**

- 1) Katheryn McIntosh advised that the balance of the account is £5,472.33.
- 2) There is £14.61 still to be banked.
- 3) Are there any items that we can assist funding for? Laura Cameron advised of the damaged equipment and outdoor furniture within the playground/courtyard area. It was agreed that the Partnership would assist with funding to replace this. Laura Cameron and Katheryn McIntosh to liase regarding costs.

## **5.0 PARENT QUESTIONS.**

- 1) Annette Lang – Can we do something for the current P7 who missed out on P6 camp? (School – Following Government advice we are not allowed to organise any kind of trip at the moment so this will have to wait until we are told otherwise).
- 2) Annette Lang – Can P7 homework involve tasks for becoming independent? (School - Yes this is a good idea and definitely something we can look at and introduce).
- 3) Lucy Brown – Is there anything we can provide funding for to support these Covid changes? (School - The Authority have been very good at providing a lot of PPE related items. We may require more Duplo due to restrictions on how many people can use and washing. School will check and advise).

**LC**

## **6.0 FUNDRAISING.**

- 1) Lucy Brown highlighted some virtual fundraising ideas she has seen online. Do we want to run something for parent support at present? Katheryn McIntosh advised that we currently have a healthy balance at present and perhaps it is not the best time to ask anyone for money. All agreed to leave any fundraising ideas for the timebeing.
- 2) £5 per head was donated by the Partnership for the P7 Leavers gifts. Thank you from the School for this donation.
- 3) Thank you from the School for once again funding the P1 Book bags.

## **7.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

- 1) Katheryn MacIntosh would like to resign from the post of Treasurer after doing it for 2 years. Lucy Brown thanked Katheryn for her assistance with this role and asked if anyone would be interested in taking on the role. Carol Hodgkin agreed to become Treasurer and will liase with Katheryn for a handover.
- 2) It was agreed by all to continue running the Partnership meetings using a Rotating Chair. Lynn Young is happy to continue as Secretary.

**KM / CH**

## **8.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

- 1) The next meeting will be held on Thursday 24 September 2020, at 1830hrs in TBC Zoom or Cornbank Primary School. Lynn Young will Chair this meeting.
- 2) Future meeting dates are set as follows – Wednesday 11 November 2020; Wednesday 13 January 2021; Tuesday 2 March 2021; Tuesday 27 April 2021; Wednesday 9 June 2021. Venue confirmed as Cornbank Primary for all meetings Covid-19 permitting.

