

# CORNBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

## Minute of Meeting on Wednesday 11 November 2020 at 7.00 p.m. via Zoom

### Present

Lucy Brown (Parent, Rotating Chair)  
Laura Cameron (Head Teacher)  
Dawn Carter (Parent)  
Susan Cochrane (Parent)  
Lesley Deas (Principal Teacher)  
Andrew Drysdale (Depute Head)  
Hannah Grieve (Teacher)  
Anjie Harris (Parent)  
Carol Hodgkin (Parent, Treasurer)  
Pauline Pender (Parent)  
Lynsey Weir (Minutes Clerk)  
Steph Wright (Parent)  
Lyn Young (Parent, Secretary)

### Apologies

Lorna Glasgow (Parent)  
Mary Hadwen (Parent)  
Katheryn McIntosh (Parent)  
Yvonne Scott (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 24/09/20

- 1) Minutes approved pending the amendment to job titles for teaching staff.

### 3.0 SCHOOL UPDATE.

#### **Covid-19 Updates**

- Midlothian currently in Covid Protection Level 3 - face coverings in corridors and when in close contact with pupils. Authority had already introduced this guidance.
- P.E. can now take place indoors - risk assessments in place.
- Limitations on the number of teachers with each class continue. No more than 2 classes in a day. This continues to impact on SfL organisation and teacher NCCT.
- Limitations on visitors to schools continue. This means no school photographers etc. Active Schools have permission to visit school to run clubs.
- Lunches continue in classes. Hot lunches now running for P1-3.
- Nursery returned to 1140 hours set up, working in 2 cohorts
- Some Music Instructors back in school
- Literacy Support Base running virtually

#### **Staffing:**

- Susie Turnbull - change in hours. Andrew Drysdale in P3/4 on Thursday afternoon and Friday.

- We are not getting a Music Teacher from Beeslack. This is being covered within the school.
- We welcome Lucy Robertson, PGDE student, to P4 for a 5 week placement. Student risk assessments in place.
- P2 Student, Laura Mason, due to start before Christmas

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

Enquiry groups have met. SQUIPs shared with classes.

- Learning and Teaching: Targeted support in place for P5-6 for this block. This will be moved to different stages next term.
- Literacy: Continuing to develop use of Signalong around school. Developing Writing and Listening & Talking policies
- Numeracy: Maths Week Scotland activities from P4-7 - outdoor Maths hunt, Leaning Tower of Pisa, Golden Rule
- Digital Learning: Baseline staff and pupil confidence
- Health and Wellbeing: Staff development on Zones of Regulation, already introduced in a number of classes. Penicuik Mental Health Project.

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

- Perimeter Fence Replaced
- Midlothian Science Festival - online - Bringing the Zoo to You with P3, P3/4 and P4
- House 'Day' sharing assembly and House Challenges
- Maths Week Scotland
- Harvest - thank you very much for donations. This was appreciated by the foodbank at the North Kirk. Contribution by St James the Less Church for mini-assembly
- LOLs issued
- Parents' Consultations by phone
- Halloween Morning in school
- Pupil Voice Groups have met in classes. Eco group working with Penicuik Carbon Project
- P3, P3/4, P4 and P5 - Body Percussion Drumming - virtually
- P7 National Museum of Scotland Meet the Pilot session as part of WW2 project
- Remembrance activities contribution from St James the Less Church

#### **Sports Activities**

- P2G and P2M Dance Clubs running for 5 weeks, maintaining class cohorts
- Active Schools running virtual events. Cross country took place this week. Pentathlon coming up for P6-7.

#### **Penicuik Mental Health and Wellbeing Project**

#### **What's Coming Up?**

- Children in Need
- Flu Vaccinations in November
- Scottish Book Week
- Active Schools Virtual Pentathlon and Virtual Cross Country
- LOLs out at start of December
- Houses Morning

- Christmas activities to be confirmed.

#### **4.0 TREASURER REPORT.**

- 1) Carol Hodgkin advised that the balance of the account is £4,791.16.
- 2) Outgoings include funding for the nursery equipment which was vandalised and the Halloween sweet bags.
- 3) We are in the process of updating the bank details with an up-to-date address for the correspondence and updating the cheque signatories.
- 4) Carol Hodgkin advised that we need to renew the Lottery Licence form which we require to have in order to hold raffles etc. This costs £20 and lasts for one year. After discussion it was agreed to wait until at least the Spring to renew this form in order to get the maximum amount of time for the cost as it is unlikely we will be doing any fundraising until then. Carol Hodgkin to place this on hold for review again in the next meeting.
- 5) Lucy Brown passed on the thanks received from parents and pupils for the Halloween sweet bags. Big thanks to Steph for making them up.

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#### **5.0 FUNDRAISING.**

- 1) Playground equipment – It was previously agreed to fund a box of equipment (balls, chalk, skipping ropes) for each classes use outdoors as due to Covid restrictions they can't share equipment so more of a supply is required. The classes have requested £20 per class to purchase items. It was agreed that the Partnership will reimburse these costs once purchased. Andrew Drysdale to liase regarding costs.
- 1) Panto cost - Laura Cameron highlighted that obviously due to Covid restrictions we are unable to have visitors in performing a panto. We have investigated online options for each class to watch a panto on their smartboard. Would the Partnership consider funding this rather than us asking parents. It was agreed this would be funded. Laura Cameron to liase regarding costs.

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#### **6.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

- 1) Dawn Carter – Query about communication – feels missing out with Facebook information as does not use it. Both teaching staff and Lucy Brown confirmed that it is really only Twitter and the school website used as the main forms of communication to Parents.
- 2) Pauline Pender advised that she has shared information on the Partnership page regarding what was discussed at the Midlothian wide Parent Council meeting, namely; digital learning; virtual online teaching and budgets.

#### **7.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

- 1) The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 February 2021, at 1900hrs via Zoom. Lyn Young will Chair this meeting.
- 2) Future meeting dates are set as follows – Tuesday 27 April 2021; Wednesday 9 June 2021. Venue confirmed as Cornbank Primary for all meetings Covid-19 permitting, otherwise via Zoom.

