

CORNBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

**Minute of Meeting on
Thursday 29 April 2021 at
7.00 p.m. via Zoom**

Present

Lucy Brown (Parent, Rotating Chair)
Laura Cameron (Head Teacher)
Susan Cochrane (Parent)
Lesley Deas (Principal Teacher)
Andrew Drysdale (Depute Head)
Mary Hadwen (Parent)
Carol Hodgkin (Parent, Treasurer)
Katheryn McIntosh (Parent)
Pauline Pender (Parent)
Lynsey Weir (Minutes Clerk)
Steph Wright (Parent)
Lyn Young (Parent, Secretary)
Sandra Vick (Parent)

Apologies

Lorna Glasgow (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 18/02/21

- 1) Minutes approved.

3.0 SCHOOL UPDATE.

Covid-19 Updates

- Staggered starts, finishes and breaks continue
- 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.
- Lunches will continue in classes. Hot lunches now running for P1-3.
- Nursery will return to 1140 hours set up, working in 2 cohorts.
- Twice weekly asymptomatic testing for staff

Staffing:

- Welcome back to Lesley Deas in person
- Norma Scott retired at the end of term after 31 years at Cornbank. Annie Young appointed Admin Officer. Recruitment process ongoing for Annie's replacement.
- Jeff Higginson retires on Friday.
- Abby Chatham had a baby boy - Max on 16th April
- P2 student, Laura Mason, continuing placement in P2M
- P1 student, Lucy Black, with Emma Hopkirk in P1H

- Maz Kozlowska in P1MD - HNC Childhood Practice. Been with us before.

School Improvement Plan:

Enquiry groups have met

- Learning and Teaching: underpins everything we are doing. Targeted support for learning
- Literacy: Reading Moderation carried out across the school using recordings of pupils reading. Story sacks updated and ready to use. Reading resources updated.
- Numeracy: Continuing work on assessment activities and supporting pupils with identifying their next steps.
- Digital Learning: working with Midlothian, continuing to enhance skills, digital equipment widely used to support learning
- Health and Wellbeing: Jigsaw, Mindfulness, Headstrong, Outdoor learning groups, RSHP.

What's Been Happening Since We Last Met:

- Return to school for ELC and P1-3 in February; and P4-7 in March - calm return to school
- Fairtrade themed activities - thank you to Hannah Grieve for her support with activities for P1-3
- Parent Anxiety Webinar
- P7 Transition has begun
- Assessments in Literacy and Numeracy using Midlothian materials and commercial resources. Tracking undertaken to identify next steps for learners
- House Assembly
- Easter eggs for all children at the end of term
- P1-3 Parents' Consultations
- P3/4-7 Parents' Consultations
- P7 Headstrong has begun for a block
- P1 to Woods
- Parent SQIP Update issued
- LOLs and class newsletters issued

What's Coming Up?

- P5/6 and P6 Mindfulness as part of Jigsaw project
- P4-7 Drumming
- Second Level Day Camp
- Pupil Conference - online
- Health Fortnight
- Sports Day
- LOLs issued
- P7 Bikeability - mid June
- Photographer P1 and P7 8th June. Booked for October

4.0 TREASURER REPORT.

- 1) Carol Hodgkin advised that the balance of the account is £4,591.16.
- 2) £45 is outstanding for payment to Lyn Young.

- 3) Andrew Drysdale advised that the playground toys purchased are being well received, many thanks for the funding. Invoice to forwarded to Carol Hodgkin.

5.0 OUTDOOR PE

- 1) Sandra Vick asked about the amount of time pupils are getting outside. It seems to be quite limited throughout the day, also with PE only being held once a month.
- 2) Laura Cameron advised that we are quite limited due to Government restrictions for numbers within our spaces. We cant have all classes out at the same time during lunch which is why we have limited staggered timings.
- 3) Laura Cameron advised that we do have our Courtyard area this year as the Oyster catchers are not nesting there this year so classes are taking the opportunity to get some air.

6.0 WELCOME BACK BBQ/EVENT

- 1) Lyn Young suggested looking into the possibility of hosting a welcome back BBQ in September.
- 2) Laura Cameron commented this would be good for the school community if local guidance allowed at the time.
- 3) It was agreed to put a note in the school newsletter and on the Facebook page to gauge levels of interest or any other ideas.

7.0 FUNDING REQUESTS

- 1) Laura Cameron requested funding for the P7 Leavers event. This is an annual funding agreement supported by the Partnership at £5 per person. Carol Hodgkin to action. CH
- 2) Laura Cameron requested for funding for the P1 book bags, this years intake is 48 pupils. This is also an annual funding agreement supported by the Partnership. Carol Hodgkin to action. CH

8.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 1) Sandra Vick asked if the P7's will be doing a play this year. Laura Cameron advised there will be something but ideas are currently being finalised, unfortunately there will be no audience but we will virtually share.

9.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

- 1) The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 June 2021, at 1900hrs via Zoom. Pauline Pender will Chair this meeting.
- 2) Future meeting dates are set as follows – TBC. Venue confirmed as Cornbank Primary for all meetings Covid-19 permitting, otherwise via Zoom.

