

**Mauricewood Primary School
Parent Council and PTA Meeting
16th November 2023**

6.30pm Mauricewood Primary School.

Agenda

- Apologies
- Acceptance of minutes from previous meeting
- Head Teachers Report
- Parent Council Chairpersons Reports
- School improvement plan
- Attainment
- PC constitution
- Improvement Priorities for this session/ External funding
- Questions-1. school inspection outcomes. How are these done in Scotland and where are the results published?
- 2. Dogs in playground - clarification required

AOB
Date of next meeting

In Attendance: JM, JC, AS, VR, LH, DM, CW,

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Apologies	BG	
Acceptance of minutes	Minutes from the 12/10/23 meeting were deemed to be accurate.	
Head Teachers Report	<p><u>Staffing</u> - DHT Permanent appointment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Assistant permanent appointment • LA interviews next week • Lauren Polson absence - JC / JMc • Jo Cassidy remaining as additional teacher until Christmas - covering teachers for development work and also on-site supply • 2 x Acting PT posts from Jan - June <p><u>Newsletter update</u> - Key reminders to parents including preference for no dogs in playground at pick up / drop off</p>	

- Healthy snacks
- No smoking / vaping

Severe weather guidance - See section created on website and letter issues on app.

- Parents to be aware that Groupcall will only send to one parental contact

Seesaw - Ensuring all families are connected on Seesaw as we are ready to start using this more consistently as part of our reporting. This links to the school improvement plan too as we are working on developing our learners to become leaders of their own learning

Events in School - Drumming

- Hockey Festival
- Cricket
- Nasal Flu Immunisations
- GLiN Award started
- RBS money sense workshops
- Active Schools football (P1& P2)
- Forth Bridges and Dynamic Earth trips
- ASG Moderation CAT session to moderate Writing
- IEPS reviews have been held or are scheduled (next round of CYPs in January)
- P7 English teachers - team teaching visits to primaries
- Tracking meetings with teachers to update data in terms of Literacy and Numeracy - on track / progress. Targeted interventions come from this
- Learning Council - Meta skills
- Eco Committee - initial meeting held (Eco-survey)
- Pupil focus groups looking at RME
- Halloween fun day was a big success

RSHP - Video and information shared with parents on the app

Coming Up - Racial Literacy Path - 4th December (seeking representation from BAME families)

	<p>CAT Session on Children's Rights Nativity Christmas parties / Lunch Pyjama Day for Children in Need on 17.11.23 Christmas shop / fair - no details as yet</p> <p><u>Actions from last meeting</u> - Infant play equipment - I have asked for a quote for repair / replacement but haven't heard back yet</p> <p>School App - we are ensuring that all attachments go on as PDF. I have looked into alternative apps, but there are loads and I'm finding it tricky to get robust information. We don't want to swap one glitchy app for another. Any parents willing to look into different apps for us?</p> <p>How about attachments going as groupcall email as well to double send important info and give more chance of success?</p>	
<p>PC Chairperson report</p>	<p>The Scottish Government has launched a consultation on the Education Bill. The purpose of the consultation is to seek further views on a new qualifications body to replace the SQA, along with views on changes to education inspection in Scotland. The consultation will run from Tuesday 7 November until Monday 18 December.</p> <p>The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills is keen to hear from as many of the individuals and organisations with an interest in Scottish education as possible, and she is very keen to hear views from Scotland's schools.</p> <p>Education Reform: A Consultation on the provisions of the Education Bill - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space</p> <p>Equalising the school day - based more on secondary education, consultation in January</p> <p>Edinburgh college partnership - will allow ed col to provide classes in online format (mon/wed) Progressive skills framework - 12 meta skills designed to</p>	

	<p>futureproof education and employment. SW is part of the group working on this.</p> <p>Home to school transport. 10/10/23 Fiona Robertson . Midlothian has 2 mile limit, rest of scotland 3 miles. Consultation in January 2024. Changes unlikely until 2025. Financial change is expected as a cost cutting measure for Midlothian Council.</p>	
<p>School improvement plan</p>	<p>Curriculum Development</p> <p>Developing a strong rationale for our curriculum and a curriculum map which underpins all of our work and outlines what pupils can expect to experience at Mauricewood. This reflects our unique context and the aspirations / aims we have for our learners (which we developed last session)</p> <p>Values shared with parents and staff and these groups have identified their top 3.</p> <p>Parents - kindness, confidence, inclusion Staff - kindness, responsibility, nurture Pupils - Learning Council meeting next week to review</p> <p>Reviewing RME curriculum offer with pupil focus groups, Jen meeting with HTs from the ASG to discuss and finalise the RME progression.</p> <p>Launched Expressive Arts curriculum progression for staff to trial this session. Other curriculum frameworks have been shared and can also be tried too. Literacy and Numeracy progressions now embedded in all classes.</p> <p>Learning, Teaching and Assessment</p> <p>Identified what we already do in terms of features of highly effective practice under key headings. At the last CAT session, staff worked in groups to further explore what our baseline expectations are in each of these areas. This will form the basis for our Learning and Teaching guidance which will ensure consistency across the school</p>	

	<p>whilst still allowing for individual creativity.</p> <p>Next steps - pull this together, do further consultation with pupils. Link to SLT and teacher peer visits to classes</p> <p>Groups formed to look at following key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Outdoor Learning ● Creativity and Enterprise ● Play Pedagogy <p>These are teacher-led. There is a resource budget allocated to each group which will support implementation. This will also feed into the learning and teaching guidance (and links to our curriculum map above)</p> <p>The Play Pedagogy group is a continuation of last session priorities. Jane is expanding this work into P3 and P4, supported by our ELC staff. Following Jane presenting our good practice in play at the Early Years Leads Group within the council, we have had or are having a number of visits from practitioners from other schools / the council to come and see what we are doing.</p> <p>Inclusion</p> <p>Inclusion - SLT visits planned to focus on Routines and Expectations using Circle Document. This is following staff/peer observations</p> <p>Learning Council to look at Anti Bullying charter 12th December at 9.30am</p> <p>Racial Literacy Path - 4th December with Educational Psychologist</p>	
<p>Attainment</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Attainment (last session)</p> <p>P1 - Reading 82.8%</p> <p>Writing 79.3 %</p>	

	<p>Listening and Talking - 89.7% Numeracy 87.9%</p> <p>P4 - Reading - 70.6% Writing 66.7% Listening and Talking - 88.4 Numeracy 62.7</p> <p>P7 - Reading - 82% Writing 82 % Listening and Talking - 91.8% Numeracy 80.3%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Attainment (this session 'best case' prediction)</p> <p>P1 - Reading - 84.4% Writing- 84.4% Listening / Talking - 86.6% Numeracy - 86.67%</p> <p>P4 - Reading - 88.24% Writing - 88.74% Listening / Talking - 92.16% Numeracy - 88.24%</p> <p>P7 - Reading - 80.8% Writing - 76.6% Listening / Talking - 85.11% Numeracy- 79.72%</p> <p>Last year's -P4 - dip in attainment due to multiple causes - this is being targeted with small group work and interventions this year.</p> <p>This session data - new this week - allows schools to identify areas to target to improve.</p>	
Parent Council Constitution	This will be discussed at the Jan 2024 meeting, due to time limitations.	
Improvement Priorities	AS - feels we need a project to take to builders. JM awaiting quote for infant playground climbing frame.	

for this session/ External funding	DM looking at external funding and house builders. Ongoing .	
Questions -	<p>Question- school inspection outcomes. How are these done in Scotland and where are the results published?</p> <p>HMIE - routine inspections, rolling programme 7 years, last inspection 2016 on Education scotland website. Local authorities are informed, there is very strict guidance for information to parents. Schools get three weeks notice.</p> <p>CLPL - from the council are providing self evaluations and inspection ready.</p> <p>Question - Dogs in playground - Due to a number of learners being frightened of dogs it is requested that the playground remains dog free during pick up and drop off.</p>	
AOB	<p>AS - to request further information regarding the school extension plan.</p> <p>Can the council come and discuss the extension plan and ongoing maintenance of the school building.</p> <p>JM states the school roof is not to be covered under the school budget.</p> <p>There is an outdoor learning project ready to go to be given to external funding sources.</p>	AS and JM to approach council
Date of next meeting	<p>18th Jan 2024 (virtual)</p> <p>Subsequent meetings:</p> <p>22nd Feb 2024 (virtual) 14th March 2024 18th April 2024 16th May 2024</p>	

Agenda Item for next meeting:

- January - homework expectations
- Parent council constitution