

## Milngavie Primary School Parent Council Meeting 25.01.24

**Attendees:** Karen Reid(KR), Laura Henderson (LH), Garry Graham (GG) Mandy McCormick(MM), Susie Orrell (SO), Tracy Stilwell (TS)

**Apologies:** Jane Couper, Meiron Thomas, Ian Gallagher, Shona Houston, Becca Martin

### **Welcome:**

Karen opened the meeting, thanking everyone for attending.

### **Headteacher report:**

Copies of the report were sent out to the members, by Mr Graham, prior to the meeting so any questions could be raised.

1. School budget has been frozen so the school cannot raise any orders currently, a new computer system is being installed and this will require staff to be trained on using it, in order that school spending can commence again.
2. To ensure we provide more accuracy about P1 pupils attainment the school will undertake P1 assessments at a later stage in the year taking into account learn through play.
3. Staff cover has become problematic. This is having to be covered by the Senior leadership team (SLT) when supply cover is unavailable, however the school has continued to keep consistency a priority whenever possible.
4. The school role continues to be over 351 pupils. The school will seek clarity with EDC over the likelihood of a second depute.

### **Sport:**

SH is in talks with Bearsden Ski Club about after school ski lessons as this was offered prior to covid. LH will speak to Active Schools to see if there would be any other opportunities returning.

### **STEAM:**

(KR)PC are keen to have someone to represent STEM and the school estate. These roles would be supported by both the PC and the school management team. Josh Reid has expressed an interest in taking some assemblies. We need an overall STEAM ambassador (parent or grandparent of the school) to bring in other people to help lead sessions in classrooms

**After school clubs:**

GG is keen to get more after school clubs running as prior to Covid there were more external agencies happy to do this. KR has suggested that a flyer is made to encourage parents to come forward with any suggestions. Areas such as Art, using facilities at Douglas and speaking to local businesses were proposed.

**Music award:**

(GG) Mrs. Ramsey is keen for the school to apply for a music award but this will require some support from friends of the school. KR is going to approach a couple of potential parents but it would be great to get a team together who have a special interest in music.

**Estates:**

KR no further information has been given other than hearsay. An update has been promised by mid-February but we do know planning has been delayed until at least March so a summer decant can no longer happen.

The school building is in an extreme state of disrepair and a meeting has been arranged for next week with estates to address urgent areas of repair.

**Parent Council email:**

(LH) There is no EDC email address with parent council, KR will sort this so parents can contact us.

**PTA:**

According to the constitution (to be reviewed) PTA should report to the Parent council, LH to look into who is chairperson for PTA just now to arrange a catch up with them and hear about their plans for this year.

**Parent Council Forum:**

(MT) This meets four times a year and brings together all the PCs for East Dunbartonshire. Milngavie Primary should send a representative from PC. Their next meeting is on 19.03.24.

**AOB:**

(GG) The school greatly values the support of parents and the wider community. Help is always gratefully received. If PC, PTA, parents, carers and the local community can pull together and provide assistance in some of the areas discussed in the meeting today then that would be much appreciated.

**Meeting closed by KR**