



Torrance Primary School & Early Years Centre

Parent Council AGM Minutes

Date: Tuesday 16th April 2024 @ 18:00

Location: Bocclair Academy

Present: Dave Fielder (DF, Chair), Laura Browne (LB, Clerk), Laura Law (LL), Lizzie O'Donnell (LO), Lynsey Slowman (LS), Gillian Bonar (GB) and Cllr Lynda Williamson (LW)

Apologies: Joanne Cockburn (JC) and Euan MacMillan (EM)

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

DF welcomed all to the meeting and noted attendance as above.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the February 2024 meeting were agreed.

Action: Flight Path Fund. EM's application for funding has been successful. LL to check funds have now arrived in the school bank account. **COMPLETE**

Action: LB to email Douglas Brown at Bocclair Academy to check that he's happy for us to replicate the 'FAIRness' room name at Torrance Primary. **COMPLETE**

Action: LL to let PC members know when storage units arrive so that PC members can help to sort out items and their storage. **COMPLETE**

Action: JC to prepare a FAIRness room update for the upcoming school newsletters in April and May to encourage parents to make use of the resource when thinking about uniform for the new school year. **COMPLETE**

Action: LL to check if it would be possible to purchase school bags, pencil cases and water bottles with PC funds available. School bags and pencil cases now purchased. PC members confirmed they are happy for additional funds to be used for the purchase of water bottles. **COMPLETE**

Action: LB to prepare an advert for the upcoming March newsletter and share with JC for inclusion in her newsletter copy. **COMPLETE**

Action: DF to co-ordinate PC member attendance at Parents Night to generate interest. **COMPLETE**

Action: LB to reach out to Stuart Irvin (Minister of Torrance Parish Church) to ask for his support in reaching the wider community through the Church to ask for their involvement in master classes. **COMPLETE**

Action: LO to prepare a Facebook post for the Torrance Community Facebook page to promote involvement in master classes. **COMPLETE**

3. Elections for Chair and Clerk/Notices of resignation

DF (Chair) and JC both gave notice that they will be stepping down from the PC at the end of the school year as their children move on to high school.

Results of the elections as follows:

- EM elected as Chairperson
- LB re-elected as Clerk

It was also agreed that other members would provide support to EM as Chairperson when he is not available due to work commitments.

Discussion took place regarding potential new members who have expressed interest in joining the PC. PC members agreed to follow up with these individuals and hope to invite along two new parents to observe in the final meeting of the school year, next month.

4. Matters Arising

a. FAIRness room

Discussion took place on the FAIRness room and next steps. Storage units have now arrived and LS has been in the school sorting out all donated clothes, of which there are a lot. It was agreed that the P1 sized clothing will be made available to parents as part of the P1 induction. Discussion took place on how else we could encourage parents to take advantage of the clothing we now have available and the following actions were agreed:

- **ACTION:** PC members to plan a stand at Sports Day (June 5th). Discussion to take place at next PC meeting
- **ACTION:** LB to prepare content for the May newsletter to promote the stand

5. Councillor's Report

LW provided an update on reports which were shared at January's East Dunbartonshire Education Committee's meeting, including the following:

- Literacy Attainment

- Numeracy and Mathematics Attainment
- Promoting Relationships: Behaviour and Learning in Education
- Nurture Evaluation

Overall, East Dunbartonshire results were very positive, with results improving. LW also noted that although behaviour in secondary schools has been identified as a problem in certain areas, the evidence suggests that this is not a big issue in East Dunbartonshire schools.

LW updated that the A807 Active Travel Corridor Consultation had received limited feedback, with Torrance Community Council unsupportive of plans. The report will soon be coming to the Neighbourhood & Resources Committee to review.

LW provided details on the A803 Corridor Improvements Project, which is focused on the busy route through Bishopbriggs and North Glasgow. East Dunbartonshire Council is currently asking residents, businesses and groups to help steer the project by providing their views.

An update was also provided on the Westerhill Regeneration Project, with plans in place to develop a new stretch of road running north from Lochgrog Roundabout, east of Low Moss Prison, and connecting to the existing road network at Cole Road. It will include pedestrian and cycling paths, as well as an upgraded Torrance Roundabout.

LW provided details of biodiversity consultations currently underway relating to management plans for areas within East Dunbartonshire, such as Lenzie Moss.

Finally, LW provided an update on the crossing patroller situation across East Dunbartonshire and was keen to provide reassurance to all that Tony, the Crossing Patroller's, job is currently safe.

6. Head Teacher's Report

LL talked through the Head Teacher's report that she had prepared in advance of the meeting. It covered the following areas:

- FAIRness room
- Allotment project
- Pupil Equity funding
- Transitions
- Class updates
- EYC

The following action was agreed with regards to the FAIRness room resources:

- **ACTION:** LL to share school event timetable for academic year 24/25 with PC members with discussion to follow in the next PC meeting as to when might be appropriate

7. Priorities/Ways of Working For The Year Ahead

It was agreed that tying in PC priorities with the school plan had worked well this year and the same approach should be taken for the coming academic year. LL updated that the school plan would be prepared by the end of this term so it was agreed that discussion should take place at the first PC meeting in the new academic year, with priorities agreed at that point.

- **ACTION:** LB to ensure 'School Plan and PC Priorities' is included within the agenda of the first PC meeting of the new academic year

8. Correspondence

LB updated that two emails had been received from parents through the PC email account. One parent had expressed interest in joining the PC, which DF is following up. Another parent, although not expressing interest in joining the PC, has offered up their experience from previous PC roles, as and when may be required in future.

9. AOB

LW updated that the Community Council has once again selected a Gala Queen for the Campsie Show parade. LL updated that the school is not involved in this, but will be selecting children from each year group to take part in the parade as School Champions.

LL updated that the school will be hosting an afternoon team on Wednesday 19th June at 2pm as a thank you to PC members, PTA members and other parent helpers.

A question was raised as to whether or not there is a policy on the wearing of makeup at school. LL confirmed that there is no specific policy on this and that it comes down to parent choice, although the school actively discourages the wearing of makeup.

DF updated that there is currently a bus consultation by SPT out, with the aim of improving transport across the region, in particular to less well serviced areas such as Torrance.

- **ACTION:** DF to share the link for this with LL so the school can raise awareness within the school community and DF will do the same through the community Facebook page

10. DoNM

Tuesday 21st May 2024

To be held at Bocclair Academy at 6pm