

PCA/PSA Meeting 17th May 2021 via Skype.

Attendees from school – Miss Miller, Miss Pringle, Mrs Jamieson, Mrs Gilmour, Miss Muir

PSA/PCA attendees – Becky Gallagher, Eleanor Pryde, Lorna Clelland, Nicolle Hamilton, Gillian Brunt,

2. **Bike racks** – Miss Miller confirmed that scooter racks are due to be installed this week to meet the deadlines for funding. It was noted that children will need to use security chains in future as the racks are very visible from the public footpath in the new location.

Action - Miss Miller to confirm if installed and when PSA funding is needed.

3. **Litter** – Becky said it has been recognised that primary schools have become worse for litter across West Lothian. Feedback from parents/children to PSA also indicated that litter has increased noticeably. Mrs Miller agreed and said glass is an issue, especially on a Monday morning and litter is a constant battle. Claire Muir explained that the litter picking approach had changed due to Covid but they were still active. An annual litter clear out is being organised for 14th June and children will go outside the boundary of the school with a further clear out after the school holidays. Claire Muir asked if parents would be interested in borrowing extra pickers and parents sign them out over the weekend to clear local area. Becky said many parents already take part in litter picking and confirmed the litter in the perimeter was predominantly kids snack wrappers. Miss Muir confirmed that the eco committee is active and will try new ideas i.e. waste free Wednesday which will be launched at assembly soon.

Action - Becky to see if there are any options to provide more pickers and hoops via the council or via PSA funds.

3. **Uniform recycling** proposed by Miss Muir – Becky confirmed this used to happen at the Summer fair and was popular. Miss Muir said the idea would be that parents hand unwanted clothes in and these are then offered out in stalls at a later date. Miss Muir said they were also trying to sort out the school gardens and would be looking for donations of seeds or plants etc which will be confirmed in a letter soon.

4. **End of year** – Miss Miller confirmed they have a number of ideas including school treats, pantomime, talent show via film, P7 Carmondean Camp and a carnival, sports day per class over a number of weeks and a flashmob again. A suggestion was made around saying thanks to children for their persistence

throughout the lockdown and Miss Miller said the council had done something similar at the end of last lockdown.

Action – Miss Miller to see if any ‘thank you’ was planned again.

5. **Dress down day** - as well as bingo or a quiz proposed. For nursery, run this over the week to fit in with all children’s attendance. Date proposed - 25th June.

Action - PSA to email plans to school.

6. **P1 parent inductions** – Miss Pringle explained this would predominantly be virtual. Packs have been issued to new P1 parents and calendar invites issued for an opportunity to meet the teacher in the gym hall. There will be a virtual hub with a tour of the school and video from staff, links to uniform, lunch order etc. The school will continue to review the approach as guidance changes.

Action - Video to be created by PSA/PCA for use in the P1 video and then to be made available on the link to the PSA/PCA Facebook page for others to see. Miss Pringle and Becky/Gillian to discuss

7. **PCA/PSA** – confirm that they will continue to operate as a merged group for the time being.
8. **AOB – P7 hoodies** – request for them to be released earlier in the year to get more use from them i.e. start of P7.

Action - Miss Miller will review and come back.

9. **Teacher photos** – Suggestion that we have staff profiles for each teacher online.

Action - Miss Miller will discuss with the teachers and come back.

10. **Calculators** – gifting the P7 a tie as well as a calculator suggested. **Action- Lorna Clelland** to check cost of ties and come back. Costs to be considered within PSA budget.