**25/10/23 Kirn Primary Parent Council AGM**

**Present:** Kirsteen MacDonald, Helen, Brown, Anoushka Havinden, Merike Kaljura, Carina Taylor, Lorna Gillan, Lindsay Mitchell, Rona McGillivray, Emma Anderson, Daniel Hampsey (councillor), Audrey Forrest (councillor), PC William Quinn

**Apologies:** Graham Piggot, representative from Argyll and Bute Roads and Infrastructure Services (the post of Traffic and Development Officer for the Bute and Cowal area has not been filled)

**Traffic**

AF will speak to Hugh O’Neill at Roads and Infrastructure Services to find out what steps need to be put into place to have a traffic warden on the streets near the school around pick-up and drop-off times.

AF suggested that children making signs for the areas around the school has been used successfully elsewhere.

PC Quinn suggested for a joint letter with the police to be put out to families.

Areas around the green square next to Dixon Avenue and the stadium park were both identified as safe places to drop children off. School Crossing Patroller on Dixon Avenue enables safe access to school. Walk from the stadium car park takes under 10 min, but crossing the car park by Douglas Cottages is busy because many people use it to pick up / drop off their children. However, families could meet at stadium car park in the mornings, so that adult(s) can walk children to school from there. AF will ask the council about using the stadium for children to walk safely across in the mornings and afternoons. A map will be created showing places where people can park safely and children can walk to school safely. Children will be involved in promoting these routes.

Turning drop-off areas into disabled spaces and removing the disabled space from the staff car park would further reduce the traffic around the school and on school grounds. There is currently no-one disabled working in the school and disabled space in the staff car park is intended for disabled staff only, however it is inadvertently sending out mixed messages to disabled parents and making it look acceptable for parents to drive into the car park. The traffic warden would initially cordon drop-off areas off with cones.

Measures are investigated to stop people from parking on pavements.

**AGM**

KMacD read out the minutes from last AGM.

**Chair’s report**

AH gave an overview of parent council’s work since the last AGM. Despite our efforts we lost an important communication tool in Seesaw and there is still no comparable alternative. Together with other parent councils across the county we campaigned and succeeded in keeping the School Crossing Patrollers in their posts. There is now Connect – online parent councils’ network which can be accessed by anyone who wants to be involved. There is also a Facebook group that connects Argyll and Bute’s parent councils.

LM proposed putting together a video explaining what parent council does. Children could be involved in this.

A decision was made to continue with the same office bearers.

**Treasurer’s report**

Move to online banking was discussed. Signatories might not be needed then.

**Secretary’s report**

Nothing to report.

**Headteacher’s report**

KMacD will retire in February. The post has been advertised and parent council will be involved in the recruitment process. AH suggested we ask parents what they are looking for in the headteacher. Aim is for the new headteacher to be recruited in November.

P6 parents voted overwhelmingly for the Ben More trip to take place. There will be a jumble sale to fundraise for the trip.

Monday 27th November in-service day will focus on Moderation of Progress.

School Improvement Plan – priorities are in place and are being worked towards. School’s vision will be looked at, and the vision will be launched together with the new website.

Outside classroom is now fully slabbed with the funding from PTA. Two climbing walls have been ordered and more bins will be purchased. Kites that scare seagulls will be looked into.

P5 will have swimming lessons after Christmas with PEF funding.

Laura Mitchell is coordinating Kirn at the Kirk – partnership with Kirn church. Parents and carers are asked to come along on Weds at 10 am for a cup of tea and ask for help with specific things / learning skills. The church community will help. AF suggested for council to get involved.

Halloween Disco will take place on Thursday night 6-7.30.

Lorna Gillan is taking over the Chair of the PTA. Lorna has been very busy organising different fund-raising events. She is also organising our Burns Supper in January 2024.

Tesco Campbeltown funding applications will be looked into.

**Next meeting** is on Thursday 11 January 2024 at 5 pm.