

Present	Gillian Meek, Laura Thomson, Laura Scott, Ann Wheeler, Susan Gladwin, Penny Tokmakidou, Hilary Gorrie, Polly Markham, Katerina Pyriochou, Roger Walpole, Mark Downie
Apologies	Ellie Bird, Jim Campbell, Chas Booth, Ana Morais, Emma Clater
Date	Wednesday 7 October 2020
Chair	Ann
Minutes	Gillian

1) Previous minutes

These were accepted.

2) Treasurer's report

Current balance is £924.27. No change from last month. We're still waiting for this year's money from CEC. There are still issues with the PTA accounts – this is due to the banks not being accessible.

3) School update

Current roll is 290.

We have 2 new PSAs – Diane, our former dinner lady and Lesley Walpole. Diane has also been our roving cleaner up until now – we are hoping this role can be refilled. We have advertised a vacancy for schools administrator (3 days a week) as Mrs Suttie is going part time.

Some therapists are now allowed in school. We are also hoping that school photos can go ahead as planned. We are currently holding virtual assemblies (no singing!) on some Fridays which the kids are enjoying.

There are some issues with logging into MS teams. Hilary is dealing with this.

P1 registration will be online this year – aiming for around 2 November. The Parent Council can publicise this via Facebook if needed. We should know P1 numbers by the end of November.

The school renewal plan for this year is still being worked on.

Staff have had good feedback on the school packed lunches. There are plans for a hot lunch after the October. This will need to be ordered, the week before, on ParentPay. We now have 85% of families on ParentPay, which is great.

An interim report for pupils will be provided in school bags on Friday 9/10. This will be followed up with a text.

P7 camp is still planned to go ahead.

We noted that the soft start in the mornings is working well and really welcomed by parents.

4) New school update

Hilary just had a site visit this week. She hopes to be able to see inside at the next visit. We believe that the build is a bit behind schedule (availability of materials can be tricky) but Laura is due to have a meeting this week so we hope to get more info then.

Mark asked if we will have a full-sized pitch (MUGA – Multi Use Games Area)) so that we can hold our home football fixtures there. We don't think this is planned currently so the PC may intervene. Laura will confirm who we should contact re this.

Post meeting, Laura provided the following update:

- Revised handover day is 18th June but this may change if there are more restrictions affecting the construction industry due to Covid-19
- Laura and Hilary to have meeting after the October week with Landscaping team to discuss revised plans for playground layout
- Laura and Hilary to have meeting with interior design team from architect's firm Holmes Miller to discuss interior fit out of classrooms and shared spaces. Designers to work with school staff and pupils on graphics and signage.
- Nursery – we can accept paper copies of enrolments for nursery. Laura to have meeting with Early Years team to discuss what options will be for parents and carers. Staff will be recruited around Easter do team can work together and plan before the nursery starts
- There will be monthly meetings to discuss progress.

5) Parents' questions

i) Can we make it easier for parents to track down lost property – this is especially a problem for parents of younger children.

The PC agreed that they will fund purchase of a new (waterproof) box for lost property – this will be placed somewhere that parents can access more easily. Laura reminded us that lost property will stay in classes for a few weeks before it finds its way to the lost property box. A note could be sent to a teacher for help in finding missing items. And please label everything!

ii) Can we have additional, lockable, scooter parking? More kids than ever are cycling or scooting to school and space is limited.

We sympathise with this situation but CEC will not consider providing extra facilities just now because these couldn't be moved to the new site. There will be much more storage at the new school.

6) PC newsletter

We agreed to produce this and issue it before Xmas. Possible topics are:

- Curriculum for this year
- New school
- Summary and Q&As from our Extraordinary meeting
- Lost property
- Double parking

Any other ideas welcome. Gillian will co-ordinate this.

7) AOB

The grass in Park Road Park has been cut.

The new school logo/branding is ready and we can discuss at the next meeting.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 24 November.