



Apologies:

Christina Denim, Deborah Quinn, Craig Wilson, Laura Leydon (PT), Louise Parker (DHT), Stephanie Skarafee, Maureen Devlin (Councillor)

1. Welcome, introductions, apologies & approval of previous minutes – Kevin

- Approved to be published.

2. Head Teacher's Report – Mrs Currie

- Mrs Currie advised that kitchen work is due to start in a few weeks with a reduced menu and the removal of the red tray option for 12 weeks. This won't affect timings and food will be prepared by same staff as usual. Nursery will trial lunch in the playroom during the works.
- The finance for the roof has been agreed and the money is there. Both parts of the roof cannot be done simultaneously due to health & safety requirements regarding safety nets etc. It's most likely this work will be carried out during the summer break. The question regarding internal work such as painting/plastering has been asked. Overall, this should be the long-term fix needed for the continual roof issues.
- Within the Nursery there will be some summer holiday improvements with a canopy being added to both the front and back to allow pupils to remain covered when changing coming in/out of the outdoor areas. There will also be new doors installed making the overall area much more practical. There has also been £5000 approved to have the small fence surrounding the school secured and made safer for keeping people in/out as required. This can be installed during the school term so should hopefully start quickly.
- The Christmas concert raised over £2100 in line with the previous year. It was seen as a very successful event and no expenses required to be taken from the total. Mrs Currie wished to thank Gerry Lyons for his help on the day which is always much appreciated.
- Mrs Currie also updated on SVDP and how effective they have been during the Christmas period for many families. Families were very grateful for different support offered. Discussions were had on how to integrate the support SVDP give across the calendar year and is being looked into. A question was also raised about how we can engage with families that we are unaware may need support, Mrs Currie advised that families are identified through a strong staff awareness and that there will be updates in the school Sway updates to let families know that support is there when needed.
- There was also an update on the cost of the school day. There is currently £800 available and only P4 have been a school trip this year at a cost of £160. The school are continuing to look at ways to ensure trips are available and have minimal costs involved. Some suggestions given were Sky Studios & Baltic Playground which both offer minimal costs.
- RSPB Big Bird has also been signed up for use within the school.
- Finally, Mrs McNulty added that she will be running a YOU & ME Maths workshop for 6 weeks to help develop links with families in building their numeracy skills together. This

will be offered to P2 parents starting on Wednesday 5th February. There was a suggestion to look at future dates of Monday/Friday to allow part-time working parents to attend.

3. Finance Report – Helen & Kelly

- Kelly advised that the current balance is currently sitting £2710.88 with monies due to Craig for playground. The Christmas stall made £171.50 using leftover stock from the summer fayre which will help give us a starter for summer. There has not yet been a payment from EasyFundraising as yet there should be one soon and we are looking to transfer details over from Mhari to Deborah.
- Payments were made towards the Veg/Compost project (Men's Shed) with reading benches and areas outside to be started soon. Bird boxes and bug hotel also purchased and planning to use with the better weather.
- Grow Uddingston have mentioned a grant being available to apply for. Micro grant (Uddingston – up to £500 per project) Councillor McCreary advised at their own meeting they can let the project that the application is on its way and is willing to help with support if required.
- Kelly mentioned that the role of treasurer has now been officially handed over to Helen.
- It was mentioned that if other needs are required to be discussed with school to help were possible, Mrs Currie mentioned non-fiction books and that they may need to look at a new sound system for the hall which is starting to fail.
- There was a question asking if there any other funds we can apply for (Councillor McCreary said there are others out there, and finding the appropriate person, and having the specific details, we have a sub committee just need to find more details, Councillor McCreary will have a look into who best to contact and report back)

4. Building Works Update – Mrs Currie

- Updated above in Head Teacher Update.

5. Mobile Phone use and policy update – Ruth & Stephanie

- Ruth advised that on 11th February there would be a workshop on smartphones and safer internet use. There will also be a Tech Corner to help people make their devices more secure. Offer has also been put to other schools within the area. Emails were sent out today and looking to get parents signed up. (1.45-2.45 Safer Internet Day) The Tech Corner will be available for longer. A recording will also be available on school website. There has also been an invite to SLT at high schools. Ruth advised that there are only a few slots so sign up quick to secure your spot. Volunteers for Tech Corner are also welcomed. uddsmartphonefree@gmail.com. There was also a suggestion to contact Holy Cross Parent Council who were potentially keen to be involved.

6. Discussion re Christmas café new format – All

- Mrs Currie advised that the event was well attended with a slight exodus after middle section. To combat this the event order was flipped for second day to allow all pupils to get a full audience. There was discussion of changing the set up to avoid a bigger break to stop people from leaving. Parents had commented to say they enjoyed the layout and set up, pupils did well operating their own stalls. There was a question of how to condense it into shorter period or in evening to allow more to see the entire show, staff said they would look at best way to layout hall to get

as many as possible. It was also mentioned that the removal of tickets to names on door worked a lot of time and effort, very welcomed.

7. Summer Fete 2025 – feedback from stall at Grow Uddingston Christmas Fayre – Kevin

- Kevin mentioned that planning to begin in February. Bookings already being started for similar events. We will look at locked in a date with Muiredge shortly. There is a Sub-committee to be set up to help plan and support.
- Kevin also suggested it would be good to start thinking about what money should be spent on to help with advertising of fund targets for Fete. There is Interest in community to support, which is encouraging. It is a lot of work required so all support is helpful.
- There was a question regarding the parent council set up and whether there may be people who may want to lead with fayre this year rather than Chair/Vice to allow others to volunteer who may not wish to be full lead. If anyone is interested to please let the group know.

8. Future Fundraising focus 2025 – Family Night Update – Helen & Deborah / All

- Helen advised that the sub-committee met last week and that the venue is now booked and paid, tickets are on sale today via Parent Pay. Currently there is a 50/50 adult and children split with ticket available but this can be altered as required. Hall capacity is between 150-180 (not including u5s). A Raffle note to also be sent out tomorrow.
- Helen mentioned that we have not chosen anyone/companies that are involved in summer fete to ensure we aren't using the same people/companies all the time for donations.

9. Outdoor learning & Playground Development work update & Discussion – Kevin, Craig & Kelly

- Kevin mentioned that this group meet on Tuesdays and that anyone welcome to join each week for meetings to help with planting season and longer-term planning or thoughts/ideas. They have worked with eco committee creating herb planters, bug shed and growing vegetables which will continue as the weather improves. Bulbs being planted, all to help enhance outdoor learning and play.
- Kevin advised that any thoughts and ideas welcomed. Ideally the containers may be removed (larger one) or used for storage (Nursery). There was a suggestion for a note on Parent Council site to see if we have a parent who has access to a skip to help clear out.
- There was a further question regarding the pitch. Mrs Currie advised that the recent Health and Safety audit recently deemed safe still. Finance was discussed and looked close at one point however it has gone quiet recently.

10. AOB

- A question was asked regarding the salting of the bridge. Ruth has taken an action to check where nearest salt bin is, if not near to be requested.
- A question was asked regarding if there is severe weather process in place, especially for temperatures. Mrs Currie advised there is a gritting policy for pathways, polices for inside temperatures meeting a required minimum, however there is none regarding overall temperatures outside.

- There was a question regarding the school homework strategy. Mrs Currie advised that this is detailed in sway for reading as required.
- There was a discussion regarding class photographs. Some felt pricing still an issue particularly the digital versions, others mentioned that the printed versions were cheaper this year in some bundles. Response was that photographer was doing price as cheap as possible.
- Finally, there was a question on how we help raise more funds for the school? Some parents were keen to bring in other ways to get involved. This has been added to the agenda for the next meeting.