

AVONBRIDGE & DRUMBOWIE LEARNING COMMUNITY MINUTES

Date: 04/09/2022

Time: 2:15pm

Facilitator: Microsoft TEAMS

In Attendance

Matthew Coulter, Mrs Parker, Mrs Elliott, Alison Orr, Fiona Manson, Emma Hepplewhite
Apologies: Jade Pearson

Agenda Items

1. Upcoming Inspection
2. Drumbowie Trim Trail
3. Tesco Grant update
4. P7 tops
5. Travel Grant Update
6. AOB

1. Upcoming Inspection (Drumbowie PS)

Mr Coulter outlined the dates of the upcoming short model inspection which will be focusing on

QI 2.3 Learning, teaching and assessment; and

QI 3.2 Raising attainment and achievement.

More information can be found here:

<https://education.gov.scot/media/3uxomzbn/shortmodel-briefingnotessecondary.pdf>

Action: none

2. Drumbowie Trim Trail

Unfortunately, the trim trail has been condemned and can no longer be used. The school has obtained a quote to remove it but it's extremely expensive.

Earlier today a member of the Falkirk Council property team came out to have a look at the school with Mr Coulter who highlighted a number of areas that require improvement or repair. The Council representative will pull together a list of tasks requiring action by the Council.

In the meantime, the PC will look at grants available to replace the Trim Trail with something new that meets the needs of the pupils. Grant suggestions include:

ASDA Foundation
BIFA Awards
Burnhead Moss Community Fund
The Big Lottery
Magic Little Grants from the Postcode Lottery

Action: Mrs Hepplewhite and Mrs Orr to investigate these funds and check eligibility, organise quotes from at least 3 suppliers, obtain permission from Falkirk Council to install.

3. Tesco Grant update

Mrs Hepplewhite confirmed the grant application for after school sports provision at Drumbowie is through to the next stage. This means we will be able to vote for our project with the blue tokens at Tesco checkouts from October 2023 to January 2024 in the following stores:

Graham's Road
Redding Road
Camelon Express
Falkirk VF Northern
Bonnybridge

Action: EVERYONE! Please can we galvanise everyone in the teaching community, parents, and local communities to get behind this project and vote for the project whenever they go to the Tesco stores listed above.

4. P7 tops

Mrs Hepplewhite clarified the P7 sweatshirts available now are for the parents to buy, colour changed from red to maroon for the Drumbowie pupils. Avonbridge happy with navy.

The leavers hoodies will be ordered by the school in January 2024 and hopefully paid for by the Parent Council assuming funds allow.

5. Travel Grant Update

Sharon Robertson checked with Lorna Senogles re travel grant funding available £1484.71 remaining.

Can use the Braes High minibus for fuel only, but only Mrs Rankin qualified to drive it.

Would be good for library visits this year which are due to restart along with other activities.

Action: Mrs Hepplewhite to see if this falls under the EDF grant application we are pulling together for school year 23/24 costs.

6. AOB

- Mr Coulter ran through the proposed clubs/activities including football, taekwando, baking, gardening, etc which were mentioned in the newsletter
- Mr Coulter mentioned Meta Skills and working towards Silver Award.
- Mrs Orr updated us on the transfer of the Drumbowie accounts from Sharon. The accounts for the last 2 years have been submitted to the auditors. Transfer of banking authority should be completed by the end of this month (September).
- Mrs Orr asked about access to SumDog, Splash Learn and other resources. Mrs Hepplewhite mentioned Twinkl.
- Mrs Manson passed on apologies for Jade who was unable to access Teams.
- Grant funding was discussed in respect of the EDF micro funds no longer being available as the community council had folded. Instead a larger EDF application will be needed to cover all costs for both schools in 2023-24 (as done by Jade last year). Mrs Hepplewhite and Mrs Orr to take this forward.

Next Meeting

TBC | 2:15pm, Microsoft Teams