

King's Park Primary School Parent Council

Meeting Minutes of Wednesday 4th December 2019

Minutes

Present: Leanne Banks, Karlyn Durrant (Co-Secretary), Julie Findlay (Depute Head,) Jasmine Mailey, Jen McKay (Class Teacher), Aoibhe O'Callaghan (Chair), Zoe Orr (Depute Head), Laurinda Renton (Head Teacher), Laurent Yah, (PTA Treasurer) Sandra Banks (Midlothian Council).

Apologies: Emily Cairns, Leila Raeburn, Jillian Phair, Robbie Pearson, Barbara O'Loughlin.

UPDATE ON SCHOOL ESTATE PLANNING:

We welcomed Sandra Banks, Resource Planning Manager from Midlothian Council to our meeting. Sandra gave an update of where King's Park is currently with plans for either a new build or refurb of current buildings.

Sandra acknowledged that Mrs Renton had not been kept up to date recently about wider school estate planning and the impact on King's Park. The plans to improve or extend King's Park began back in 2016. Sandra expressed how much Kings Park is a loved school but becoming increasingly inadequate with a general consensus that it is becoming unfit for purpose. Sandra informed us that demand from rapidly rising school rolls and incoming P1s means that a third Dalkeith primary school has been given the go ahead and the Kippielaw field has been identified for this. There has been some local resistance against this build.

Due to this new school, King's Park catchment areas will be likely to change which will in turn mean less of a demand for a brand new school or even extension at King's Park, as the school roll will reduce. These changes are likely to take effect c. August 2023.

Mildothian council has obtained the adjacent Abbey Road car park and this is being examined as an area to extend King's Park in the view of the new Early Years centre that is confirmed for King's Park. This would also take in part of the current Croft Street car park being used by the council staff and Dalkeith Thistle Football Club.

