**Parent council meeting Monday 20.01.2014**

**Present:**

Elspeth McIntyre, Liz Mahindru, Amparo Ruiz-Prado, Fiona Hunter, Jackie Clark, Melanie Unkles, Claire House, Shona Barrie, James Lynch.

**Apologies:**

Graeme Esson, Russell Bridges, Humera Ashraf, Julie Syme, Anne Fishwick, Selwyn McCausland, Steven Devine.

**Extension**

The builders have been working as much as possible but have been hindered by the weather. The internal alterations have been completed. There is a temporary partition at the P1 end of the corridor where the builders will require to breakthrough to the extension once built. Liz is confident that they are on track for the extension to be complete for use in August.

**P1 intake / Catchment**

94 catchment area children have enrolled to start in August. It is possible that a few children may defer until August 2015. A small number of children have placing requests out to other primaries closer to their homes. Liz has no information on the number of placing requests into Merrylee.

There are 41 children currently in P7 who will be moving on to high school,

The review of the catchment area has not yet gone to consultation as previously discussed with Alasdair Henderson.

Elspeth to contact David McEuan regarding this.

**Travel, parking and safety**

Elspeth has had no response to emails to Councillor Gillan regarding the Parent Council’s concerns around the traffic on Friarton Road. The letters signed at the parent consultation evenings have not been given to Councillor Gillan. Lime Tree Nursery parents have also signed the letter.

Councillor Gillan has proposed a barrier in Friarton Rd, between the pavement and the grass area to create a one way system. We agreed that this is unlikely likely to provide a safe solution. Liz is to have a meeting with the planners and will get back to the PC with the outcome. Elspeth is to give the letters to Liz for her to give to the most appropriate people.

Councillor Docherty was unaware of the traffic problems but is supportive of a one way system.

**AOB**

Jackie raised a concern that the lollipop man at the Langside Drive/Monreith Road junction was not always there at school times. Liz will look into this.

Next meeting will be Monday 28th April 2014.