



**17th January 2022**

## **Parent Council Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Lynda Kadegis, Angela Thorpe, Emma-Jane McFarlane, Kirsty Neil, Nikki Paton.

**Staff Present:** Dawn Simpson, Gina Harrington, Caroline Barrett

**Invitees:** Councillor Margaret Cowie

**Apologies:** Charlene Carr, Tracy Boyle, Louise Walker, Tracy Manners, Councillor Robert Brown.

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### **1. Welcome by the chair**

Lynda welcomed everyone and thanked them all for joining the first meeting of 2022.

### **2. Previous minutes**

Reviewed. Proposed by Emma-Jane, 2nd by Angela.

### **3. Head Teacher's report**

#### **Staffing**

- Mrs Smith has welcomed a baby boy, Oscar.
- Mrs Campell has added a day.
- Mrs Henderson is now full time.
- Mrs Miller has joined the staff.
- Miss McMahan and Mrs G Barrett have joined the nursery staff.

#### **Covid update**

- School requests that parent and carers continue to wear face coverings and keep their distance from other households when within the school grounds.
- Children who have tested positive can return to school on day 8 (given that they have had 2 negative lateral flow tests, 24 hours apart, on day 6 and day 7) or day 11.
- Staggered start and stop times and separate entrances remain in place for the foreseeable.
- The advice on testing remains - if you have no symptoms, LFD testing is advised and if you have symptoms, please take a PCR.
- Teachers have received training on helping with Dyslexia, an Educational Psychologist is no longer required to make a diagnosis.
- Place 2 Be and Barnardos are still working within the school.

- There is a push on attendance. If a pupil's attendance drops to 95%, a letter will be issued to parents/carers then if it drops again, phone calls and meetings will be held to see what support needs to be given to raise attendance rate.
  - The school are still looking for uniform donations. These can be handed in, either with the pupil or into the office.
  - 2 flu vaccine catch ups have been held within the school and all who wanted them, have been done.
  - P4/5 and P5/6 have enjoyed participating in the Youth Music Initiative.
  - P3/4 and P4/5 have enjoyed participating in the after school multi-sports club.
  - Homework club is restarting. Unfortunately, parents/carers are still not allowed within the school building but staff will be taking it in turns to be there to help the pupils, as needed.
  - Pupils throughout the school have taken part, virtually, in the Bridgeton Burns competition. The performances are on the school Twitter page and there is a link to them on the school website. We are waiting to hear the results.
  - £673 was raised from the Christmas crafts.
  - £194 was raised for Action for Children's Christmas jumper day.
  - P1 enrolment took place online last week and phone calls to parents/carers will take place this week.
  - P6/7 residential will more than likely not go ahead this year as there is no guarantee of refunds if it was paid for then cancelled due to covid.
  - Just in case packs have been made up if anyone must isolate for any reason.
- Miss Simpson concluded by thanking the parent council for organising the Santa dash.

### **3. Treasurer's report**

Balance - £1358.23

Money out

- £241.20 for selection boxes
- £70 for Amazon gift vouchers (Santa dash prizes)
- £19.50 for sweets (Santa dash prizes)
- £180 for the virtual panto.

Current balance - £874.53

Money to be banked

- £2615.10 (Santa dash)

Once banked later this week, the total in the bank will be £3489.63.

Angela and Charlene will arrange treasurer's training and a day to go to the bank to do a name changeover. Emma-Jane and Angela have to get paperwork from the bank to fill in to put Emma-Jane onto the bank account.

### **4. Communication**

Miss Harrington has passed along emails of parents and carers who are interested in joining the parent council. Emma-Jane will email each of them to add them into a parent council group chat to get to know everyone.

### **5. AOB**

- The parent council thanked Miss Harrington for running the Santa dash within school as current advice means that we are unable to be in the school to run events ourselves.

- We have received the list of board games that we will fund for Fun Fridays, we will arrange to buy them and hand them into the school.
- Our next expenditures will be Easter eggs and P7 leavers hoodies. Kirsty will get in touch with last year's hoodie supplier to get quotes and sample sizes.
- Parents/carers have told us that a Monday night doesn't really suit for a lot of people to make the meetings so Emma-Jane will put a poll on the parents and carers private Facebook page to gauge what night would suit most people.
- Miss Simpson told the parent council that the outdoor sheds had failed and the outdoor play equipment has mostly been ruined. Cllr Cowie suggested that we investigate community and local funding grants to help fund replacements for the ruined outdoor play equipment. Cllr Cowie will investigate which council grants we can apply for and email them to us. Emma-Jane will email our local community champions to see what funding we can apply for with them.

**Lynda ended the meeting by thanking all who attended.**

**Next meeting will be arranged next week once we have the results of the Facebook poll.**

**MEETING CLOSED**