

MINUTES

Woodside Primary Parent Council

Thursday 13th May 2021: 7pm

Zoom Meeting: AGM

Attending Angela Maclennan, Barry Naismith, Carol White, Claire Thom, Louise McRobbie, Elizabeth Fletcher, Gareth Thomson, Jonny Simpson, Julie Lamont, Lucy Colligan, Lynn Daly, Sarah McCready, Jennifer Beattie, Cllr Nailon, Cllr Ross, Kirsten Lawson, Kathleen Faloon, Charlotte Officer and Elaine Renwick.

Apologies: Anne Marie Canale, Kristina McKean, Eileen McKellar, Michelle McQuade, and Rhona McRae

Introduction and Welcome:

Julie welcomed everyone to the meeting, the minutes of the previous meeting 11th March 2021 were approved.

Treasurer's report – See treasurer's report emailed out. Bank balance is currently £2201.12, still waiting on invoice for the hoodies but the supplier may currently be on furlough. Angela has a forecast balance at end June of £885.02 based on projected costs from last year.

Angela thanked everyone for the flowers sent as a thank you for all her work on the PC. Julie thanked Angela on behalf of the PC and wished her well in the future.

Angela will forward on details of the speaker from the National Parent Forum to Claire and drop all the PC stuff she has in her attic either to Claire or to the school.

Items outstanding

Jonny will look into changing the PC account to an interest earning account.

Guide to Google Classroom – Jen Beattie will forward onto Claire guide that her school used. Claire will put something together for August including how to use the App on your phone.

Class Photos

Tony Connelly gave us cost of £120 plus cost of printing photos to take class photos – approved via email. Cost for printing via Tony: 6x4 – 42p, 7x7.5 – 66p, 9x6 – 95p. Tony suggested using board backed envelopes to send photos home. PC members asked to get cost of 10x8 photo. Tony advised this would involve cropping of photographs prior to printing as the size is more square – decided to just go with 9x6 size of prints. A4 size Board backed envelopes purchased and delivered to school – 500 for £65.40. Photographs arrange for week of 7th June.

Letter sent out to parents letting them know about the class photos and asking for anyone who does not wish their child to be photographed to contact the Parent Council to let them know. No need for full school uniform.

End of Year events

Sports day – arranging for each class to have some form of potted sports. Kids being asked for their input.

Suggestion made that it could be tied into the Olympics. PC to provide prizes for Sports day – Kirsten Lawson will be in touch.

House Cup – not really done house points this year with everything that has been happening. Intent to restart house system next year.

Cycling Proficiency – not happened this year due to restrictions. Will look to see if those that missed it do it next year. Will need to look into training of parents to run course as would then have 2 years worth of children to do course with. **Carry forward to next meeting.**

Julie thanked Lynn for all her contributions to the parent council as she is leaving this year too.

Headteacher's update:

- Currently reflecting on past year and planning for next year – Reflect, reinvigorate and reimagine. looking at continuity of learning, health and wellbeing and equity. Want to reflect on the things that

have worked from this year and not go back to the old ways of doing things – make Woodside even better.

- Considering improvement plan from last year – very positive:
 - o Whole school following robust COVID regulations – limited number of cases
 - o Strong relationships with kids
 - o Nearly all kids were engaging online 86%
 - o Huge support from parents
 - o Quick development of ICT skills
 - o Partnerships with pupils and parents
 - o Whole school attendance good
 - o Majority of parents happy with online learning provided
- **Difficulties:**
 - o Inability to engage with a small number of families
 - o Extra time for regulations – toll on senior management
 - o Limited visits from support services
 - o Split times for school has had impact on families
- Looking at class configurations and staffing for next year. Offering playground visits for new P1's. Parent to speak to new parents. Currently have 70 new P1s. Nursery visits can't take place so lots of conversations with nurseries. P1 handbook been rewritten, thinglinks within handbook for virtual tour of school, interviews/messages from senior staff, teachers telling stories. Looking at new ways of presenting information.
- Evelyn [YFCL officer] – running workshops this term for parents
- PEF allocation – place to be - 2 days a week, Evelyn – 2 days a week, full time member of staff to take lead on equity and work with kids and parents, support member of staff. Will be consult with parents to get ideas.
- End of term arrangements:
 - o Need to remain in class bubbles, no visitors, staff at 2m, keep everyone safe
 - o Transition – virtual S1 day , online session with parents. Waiting on HGS confirming. No visits to HGS, all virtual.
 - o Looking at options for end of year P7 activities, trying to find out what is possible. Looking at outdoor leavers do. Looking into options for leavers assembly. Trying to work out what is possible before speaking to the P7 kids.
 - o Citizenship awards – rethinking these currently, will get in touch with Claire in due course.

AOCB

John Ross – thanks on behalf of the council and personally to Elaine and the staff at Woodside. All schools have gone above and beyond to ensure good education in difficult circumstances. In awe of what has come out of Woodside – proud of having school in his 'patch'.

Elaine recognises how hard it's been for parents not being in the school and being in touch with teachers. Need to reimagine the new normality.

Big thank you from the Parent Council to the staff for all the work put in over the last year, much appreciated.

Not currently taking in used uniforms

Date of next meeting: Thursday 26th August 2021