

MINUTES

Woodside Primary Parent Council
Thursday 9th September 2021: 7pm
Zoom Meeting

Attending: Anne Marie Canale, Barry Naismith, Carol White, Charlotte Officer, Claire Thom, Councillor Nailon, Eileen McKellar, Elaine Renwick, Gareth Thomson, Jaclyn Robertson, Jonny Simpson, Julie Lamont, Lucy Colligan, Sarah McCready, Jennifer Beattie, Gillian Dalziel

Apologies: Councillor Ross, Louise McRobbie, Elizabeth Fletcher, Rhona McRae

Introduction and Welcome: Julie welcomed everyone to the meeting, the minutes of the previous meeting 13th May 2021 were approved

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report sent out prior to the meeting. Balance currently £1210.34, with a forecast balance at June 22 of £994.45 based on projected costs from last year. Subsidising of the P7 hoodies is not included in this forecast.

Bank was contacted about moving to an interest bearing account however there is currently a freeze on all treasurer accounts and amendments to existing treasurer accounts. Need a minimum of £10,000 to open a business account. Will leave account as is for just now.

Participatory Budget: Eileen McKellar is the Equity lead and is responsible for allocating the participatory budget of approx. £6500. The participatory budget (PB) is to take into account parent and pupil voices. Following discussions with the parental working group 3 possibilities have been identified for the PB -

- Audiobooks, devices and books
- Funding towards school trips and after school clubs
- Loose parts play, quiet area equipment, wet weather Clothing

All parents, children and extended family members will be given an opportunity to vote on these.

Google Classroom Instructions: This was outstanding from our last PC meeting. A Guide to Google Classroom was drawn up by Claire and has been put out to the wider parent body.

Question raised as to whether we could do something similar for ParentPay - **Carol White** to liaise with Fiona Mitchell, in the school office, and draw up a document for the next PC meeting.

Cycling Proficiency: Bikeability will be able to go ahead as it is an outdoor activity which takes place over a 10 week block. All parental helpers need to complete a bikeability course and have an active PVG. Currently have 2 parents able to help, 2 booked onto a bikeability course and other 1 still to be booked onto a course. Carol White expressed interest and may know other parents that may be able to assist.

Priority will be given to the P7's as they missed completing it last year. Need a minimum of 2 parents for each week. A number of PC members offered spare bikes that could be utilised by any children who don't have their own bike. SLC may be able to source a couple of bikes too.

Photographs: Tempest have been in contact but we do not currently have a booking for this academic year as we were unsure of guidelines in place regarding visitors to the school. Currently guideline say no visitors except to support children, need to wait for government updates. Could book for spring term and then assess closer to the time. Julie to speak to Tempest about booking a provisional date.

Christmas Cards: SLC Print room have been contacted - waiting for packs to be sent out to allow us to book a print slot. Will aim to have cards returned to school before end October to allow return from SLC print room before end November.

P7 Hoodies: These were given out early last year as they were the main treat for the P7's in a difficult year. School would like to leave hoodies until after Christmas this year as has been done in the past. Letters will be sent out to the P7's after Christmas to allow ordering of the Hoodies. Subsidisation of the Hoodies approved by the PC.

Cost of the School day: a provisional calendar of costs within the school year has been put together and will be issued to parents - PC Christmas cards already on it, Christmas Raffle to be conducted online to be added for November.

There has been a good response to the homework resources email.

Preloved uniform shop - Knowetop PS PC have set up a uniform shop facebook page, could we do something similar to promote all the preloved uniform we have available within the school - Jonny to look into this as he knows someone at Knowetop PS PC.

COVID update/School Recovery Plan/Headteacher's update:

- 3 main improvement targets - full document on the website.
- Curriculum now back to full curriculum no longer restricted to Numeracy, literacy and health and well being.
- School currently overhauling curriculum and aim to have a 3 year rolling curriculum.
- Literacy - Talk for writing has been restarted within the school
- Numeracy - number talks is being used across the school and looking at what makes a good numeracy lesson.
- Aim to keep using Google Classroom particularly for homework.
- Health and Wellbeing - have Evelyn our Youth and family community worker and Joanna from place2be.
- Looking at how to get children to contribute to school life as still not allow pupil groups such as pupil council to restart.
- Eileen McKellar is our equity lead. She is working with groups of children on the cost of the school day and liaising with Evelyn and Joanna. She is also available for parental support and is happy to put together videos regarding areas of the curriculum etc.
- Evelyn was out supporting P1 transitions over the summer

- Chaplancy team - led by Rev Joanne Hood with Rev Ross Blackman will lead specific assemblies the dates of which will be put out in a letter to parents. 1st October will be the first of these assemblies.
- 483 children on roll this year with 75 P1's. School very full, open area previously used for science now being utilised as a P4 classroom 'Willow'.
- Covid measures still in place but no class bubbles any more, now organised in year groups.
- There have been a number of covid cases within the school but track and trace no longer contact schools. Keeping an eye on cases arising within school but no obvious transmission within school, appears to be more from family or community events.
- If there is a covid case in a household, unaffected children can return to school once they have a negative PCR test result. Some PC members mentioned concerns regarding this and non mask wearing in schools. Schools keeping up with latest guidelines and can only follow recommendations from scottish government. Would encourage families to take lateral flow tests.
- Isolation grids will be on Google classroom as of Monday 13th September.
- Ventilation checks have been done in all classrooms.
- As science area being used as a classroom now, science is being done within classes by class teacher for next 3 years - interdisciplinary approach.
- Currently not allowed to book residential trips so no trip to Lockerbie Manor for the P7's but school looking into other options such as days away.
- There will be parental phone calls in place of parents evening before the October holiday.
- Class Newsletters will be out shortly.

Fundraising: Christmas cards will be done as usual this year.

Hold an online raffle before Christmas - got a good response to this last year
Textile bank behind the new Sainsburys still generating income.

AOCB:

- We have our annual insurance in from the council
- GDPR email will go out to everyone the PC holds email addresses for to get permission to hold data.
- New members pack will be set out to any new members of the PC.
- Twinkl - usually purchase subscription for the school, was £750 last year for licenses for all school. Elaine to discuss with staff how much it is used and whether we need as many licenses. Also look to see if there are other options to Twinkl. Will discuss purchasing it at our next meeting.

Date for next meeting: Thursday 11th November 2021