

MINUTES

Woodside Primary Parent Council **Thursday 27th January: 7pm** **Zoom Meeting**

Attending: Claire Thom, Councillor Nailon, Elaine Renwick, Elizabeth Fletcher, Gareth Thomson, Jaclyn Robertson, Jonny Simpson, Julie Lamont, Lucy Colligan, Mark Kay, Sarah McCready, Jennifer Beattie and Jen McLarnon.

Apologies: Barry Naismith, Carol White, Councillor Ross, Eileen McKellar, Gillian Henderson, Kristina McKean, Linda Allen, Louise McRobbie and Michelle McQuade

Introduction and Welcome: Julie welcomed everyone to the meeting, the minutes of the previous meeting 11th November 2021 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report sent out prior to the meeting. Balance currently £3119.31 which has been boosted significantly by the Christmas raffle. Only expenditure has been for the gambling licence and to purchase snacks for the festive fun days. Balance looking healthy and projected costs can be covered.

Christmas Raffle: held prior to Christmas, advertised on PC Facebook page. Most tickets purchased via Paypal with some by bank transfer. £1246 profit from raffle. There was a fabulous response, continue to run this at Christmas time. Big thanks to all those who bought tickets and donated or sourced prizes for the raffle.

Future fundraising possibilities ? - possibility of a summer fayre raised - would need to see what restrictions are in place. Need to think outside the box, perhaps outside only, small event etc. Other suggestions - online bingo or family quiz night. Buy bingo cards or register a team to raise funds. For quiz could do heats for each primary stage and the winners all complete against each other. Kahoot or house party app could be used for quizzes.

Christmas Jumper Swap: Letter went out 25th November but only 4 jumpers were handed in. Think was left too late to run - keep in mind for next year and organise earlier.

Parent Pay Instructions: This was outstanding from our last PC meeting. Carol White has spoken to Fiona in the office and will put together some guidance.

Photographs: Tempest have been provisionally booked for 28th April. Elaine hopeful this can be done outside. May be looking for parent helpers nearer the time.

Council Update: SLC working on budget for next financial year, hopefully no large changes. Chatelherault P.S. has also complained about traffic in Silvertownhill as have residents on Silvertownhill Avenue. Cllr Nailon has been in contact with Roads department. Head of Roads aware of the issues and a road survey has been conducted. Uplift of garden/food waste is temporarily cancelled due to Covid absences, hopefully these will restart soon.

Headteacher's update:

- Thanks for support with festive fun days - kids had a great time.
- Challenging start to the new term with high numbers of covid both within children and staff. Daily lateral flows helping hopefully.
- Have kept all safety measures in place and put back into place the class bubbles. Aware that it limits friends and space to play but has had an impact on numbers.
- Have class teaching post available which have been able to advertise for (which is unusual). Had 103 applicants, 8 have been shortlisted with interviews taking place next week.
- Parental guide on phonics/spelling has been sent home. All teachers have been trained in new techniques, will take a couple of years to fully imbed but seeing a difference already with impacts on daily writing. 3 parental workshops on these techniques coming up soon.
- Work has begun on report cards. Have decided to alter timings of report cards and bring forward report cards to become a mid year report. When reports are at the end of the year there is no chance for a dialogue with teachers. This change is to give time to work on any issues that have arisen. Parents night will be after the Easter holiday.
- Elaine going to a training night to investigate possibilities of online face to face parents nights similar to what HGS offer.
- P1 enrolment has taken place - healthy numbers again. All enrolment takes place online and so Elaine and Kathleen have phoned all families enrolled.
- 5% of the PEF funding made up a participatory budget. Following consultation with parents and children this money was allocated to after school clubs and school trips. After school clubs been going well. Teachers all currently looking at possibilities for school trips.
- Thanks to the team who have been running the cycling proficiency - looking forward to brighter days for the P6's !

AOCB:

Bikeability - more courses for trainers are running at the start of March if anyone is available/ interested. Would be good to have more trainers so that there is not a commitment to do every week. Charlotte going to put out request to wider parent body.

Date for next meeting: Thursday 24th March 2022; AGM