

MINUTES

Woodside Primary Parent Council
Thursday 24th March 2022: 7pm
Zoom Meeting: AGM

Attending: Barry Naismith, Carol White, Charlotte Officer, Claire Thom, Elaine Renwick, Elizabeth Fletcher, Jaclyn Robertson, Jennifer Beattie, Jonny Simpson, Julie Lamont, Kathleen Faloon, Louise McRobbie, Lucy Colligan and Sarah McCready.

Apologies: Anne Marie Canale, Councillor Ross, Eileen McKellar, Gareth Thomson, Kristina McKean, and Michelle McQuade

Introduction and Welcome: Julie welcomed everyone to the meeting, the minutes of the previous meeting 27th January 2022 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report sent out prior to the meeting. Balance currently £3137.69 with P7 hoodie money due to be paid into the bank. Balance looking healthy and projected costs can be covered. £50 to each class teacher to set up new classes for after the summer. **Let teachers know now - Elaine**

Election of Office Bearers: All posts available – All 3 existing office bearers proposed by Jaclyn Robertson and seconded by Lucy Colligan:

Chairperson: Julie Lamont

Secretary: Claire Thom

Treasurer: Jonny Simpson

Photographs: 28th April 2022. Will get risk assessment done, plan to have doors and windows open and no large numbers in the hall. Will monitor covid numbers on return from Easter holidays. Hope to have parents in as helpers – ideally 3 helpers who stay all day to limit visitors to school. 2 volunteers - Elizabeth Fletcher and Sarah McCready. **Claire to email PC members for one more helper.** Send letter out to Parents asap – family groups or individual photos and P1 and P7 class photos. **Julie to write letter and send into school.**

Bikeability: Thank you to all volunteers. Had small issue with a several children unable to cycle in group currently doing bikeability. Charlotte to contact parents and offer alternative. If these children learn to ride before next year could be added into next year's P6's?

Parentpay: Parentpay website and guidance on Woodside PS website cover all questions raised. School doesn't receive regular queries so propose to move guidance on website from school news to parental info section – **Elaine to organise and will mention in Newsletter.** Note there is a link on parentpay to contact them via email – they respond very quickly.

Parking: concerns have been raised by parents to PC about parking around school particularly at 3pm. Elaine did contact police before moving entire school back to 9am-3pm but nobody visited school. H&S audit has been done. Traffic wardens have been up but couldn't book

anyone as sign has been taken down on school side that says no parking and they were overwhelmed with numbers of parked cars. Local Cllr has been approached to make a complaint – Karen Russell (roads and transport) has emailed. Nothing came from previous audit which highlighted lights and road painting. Contact council about using multistorey car park again – **Claire to get in touch with Cllr Nailon**. Put out letter about parking to parents – **Julie to organise** – re use letter previously issued but add in about being respectful towards staff (Issues with this occasionally at Laburnum Lea gate).

Get kids involved – make posters to put up? Pass to pupil journalism group for pupil newspaper.

Residential Trip: Did a vote with P6's as very expensive – significant numbers wanted a residential trip. May continue with asking year groups to vote in future. No child doesn't get to go for financial reasons – assistance is given for those families that require it. Possibly increase amount of time available to pay it up over, currently do in January of P6 to go in the August of P7. May bring this forward to allow cost to be spread over more months.

P7 Hoodies: Ordered last week, waiting to get proofs back for approval. Hope to have hoodies back for after Easter holidays

Fundraising: Summer fayre – good community event and good fundraiser but not for this year. Hopefully will be able to run June 2023. School hope to have raised over £1000 from 3 dress down days.

Possibility of sponsored event raised – Elaine/Julie not so keen on sponsored event. 33% of families are classed as deprived, don't want to add costs to these parents.

Other suggestions: raffle, online family quiz night, treasure hunt.

Go ahead with treasure hunt – good family event, based round local town -all within walking distance of Woodside. Ask for suggested donation for clue sheet for entry but no donation necessary thus open to all children. Aim to have in place by mid-June. Place something in shop windows with letters – collect all the letters and they spell a sentence. All correct entries put into a draw with a prize for winner. **Contact head of Hamilton BID (Malcolm) to ask for assistance to get shops to place letters in window – Claire**. Other suggested locations – Low Parks Museum, Palace grounds, McDonalds.

Sarah McCready offered to assist with putting together clues.

Headteacher's update:

- Very quick and busy term.
- Challenging with high numbers of covid both within children and staff. As well as Chickenpox in P1.
- Report cards going out earlier than usual – before Easter holidays with a virtual parents' night after Easter holidays via Schoolcloud (used by HGS). Be aware time limit on slots which means automatic cut off after certain time – teachers are unable to override this. Will assess success of virtual parents' night but could continue going forward with virtual parents' night and then informal in person events.

- Next week sees launch of new toys in playground – trialling idea with P5-7. 4 zones – games, MUGA, quiet zone and loose parts play with designated day for each zone and then friendship Friday – can play with whomever you wish, wherever you wish.
- Easter service last Friday of school. P4's in church, rest of school joining from classrooms. Looking forward to seeing children's responses to it all.
- Currently working on classes and staffing for next school year. Numbers still not confirmed but looks like 17 classes again next year with a few composite classes again.
- Sports days will go ahead this year. Active schools' person from SLC keen to be involved. Looking for help from PC.
- Queen's Jubilee – want to have an event the day before the jubilee. Looking for assistance from PC – funding for cupcakes/juice, assistance in decorating etc (Sarah McCready and Julie Lamont) Looking for a band that could possibly play - Put request on Facebook? Ask HGS Music department if they would be willing to play – **Claire to contact Anne MacLeod.**

AOCB:

P1 inductions – looking at different options just now. Last year children came in smaller groups which was good. May do this again this year.

Date for next meeting: Thursday 12th May 2022