

MINUTES

Woodside Primary Parent Council
Wednesday 4th March 2020: 7pm: AGM
Staff Room, Woodside Primary School

Attending Claire Thom, Louise McRobbie, Elizabeth Fletcher, Jaclyn Robertson, Jonathan Byers, Jonny Simpson, Julie Lamont, Kellie Wilkie, Kereen Hilson, Lucy Colligan, Lynn Daly, Sarah McCready, Max Kennedy, Charlotte Officer, Eileen McKellar, Steven Kennett and Elaine Renwick.

Apologies: Amanda Strachan, Angela MacLennan, Anne Marie Canale, Carol White, Cllr Nailon, Cllr Ross, Fiona Hanlan, Gareth Thomson, Julie Sneddon, Kristina McKean, Lori Thom, Michelle McQuade, Rhona McRae and Sandra Farrance

Introduction and Welcome:

Julie welcomed everyone to the meeting, the minutes of the previous meeting 15th January 2020 were approved.

Treasurer's report – healthy bank balance even with projected costs. Amendment to circulated report – amount to be donated to school not as high as has to have profit from disco taken into account. We were donating £1400 to the school including the profit from the discos. Angela not present but no questions raised regarding report

Office Bearer's for coming year

The existing office bearers, Julie, Angela and Claire/Lynn had indicated they were happy to remain in position for this forthcoming year, no volunteers for any of the positions were received so the existing office bearers were proposed to remain in position by Jonathan and seconded by Jaclyn. This year (ending June 2021) will be Angela's and Lynn's last year on the parent council so we would ideally need a new treasurer in place by January 2021 to allow a smooth handover. Max indicated she would be interested in learning more about the treasurer's role – **Max to contact Angela or Claire for more information.**

SLC Parent Council Membership Forms

These forms were received via the parent council email address and have been completed and returned to SLC. The Woodside parent council email address was given as contact details for each of the office bearers and a total number of people on the parent council was given instead of a list of names of members.

Spring Fling

Friday 27th March. Will be done in houses with each house having an hour slot (Ash 9.30, Chestnut 10.30, Maple 11.30 and Oak 1.30) 2 tickets will be issued per family and there will be donation buckets out on the day to enable the school to raise funds. The 4 dress down fundraising days proposed by Elaine at the last meeting have been put on hold for just now as school account is looking healthy just now and don't want to increase what parents are being asked to give.

School looking for volunteers to help with tea/coffee etc – Julie L, Julie B, Claire, Lucy and Max all volunteered to help – **anyone able to help to email parent council.**

Only Tunnocks have replied to letters from P6 children asking for donations of biscuits. Suggested that Tesco and Coop be contacted for donations.

Was raised that the date for the spring fling is very close to the holidays making it difficult for some parents to attend as they are already arranging time off to cover Easter holidays.

Update on Buses for trips

Cllr Ross suggested at last meeting that there were SLC fleet buses that could possibly be used for school trips thus lowering the cost of trips. Lynn contacted SLC transport department – no 52 seater buses available. There is one spare 17 seater which could possibly be used for sports trips. Lynn had contacted Park's of Hamilton and was told if they were contacted at the start of the school year with a list of trips, dates, etc then they would give us a group discount.

Swimming Gala

27 Children in gala, 6 reserves and 5 unsuccessful. Amanda has swimming caps for all swimmers. If anyone wants details of what race their child is swimming in they can contact Amanda. Could put out list of children and races this year due to GDPR.

Discos

Discos to take place on Thursday 12th March. Got names of three suggested DJs – trying MC promotions this time. Claire to put out email asking for volunteers. Parents to not go past the sign in desk as it congests corridor making it difficult for children to get up the corridor to the disco.

Suggested that we do bring your own water bottle for future discos to reduce waste - we could refill the bottles. **Raise idea with Eco committee – get them to suggest it to the children.**

Bikeability/Sports Days

Sarah to run both events this year. **Claire to contact Carole Sievwright** to see if she can chat through organisational details with Sarah. Letters will go out nearer the time to request volunteers. **Children to bring own water bottles** to reduce waste and cost. **Claire to speak to Ashley** to see if she would be interested in helping organise the sports day.

Charlotte has organised a training day for those involved in bikeability and will contact Bike Town in Rutherglen who Cllr Ross advised can provide bikes to children unable to participate in Bikeability. They have 24 bikes they keep maintained that can be loaned to schools. **Charlotte to look out lesson plans** for bikeability for the 2 classes.

Sports Days are the 16th and 17th June this year.

Playground Improvement Plan

This is a big focus for the next 2 terms involving all staff including support staff. At recent inset day there was a presentation on 'promoting positive behaviour' from SLC and the staff were also involved in discussing a book by Paul Dix 'When adults change, everything changes' which is about understanding children's behaviour. This is resulted in looking to zoning the playground and revisiting the rules for the playground. This includes a parental consultation and hopefully a working party of parents. SMT has been out in playground due to staff absences – children are bored leading to behavioural issues. Children going to be consulted as to what they would like in their playground. Want to introduce 'Retro' games like skipping, hopscotch, ball games etc also a quiet area to get away. Would like to link the 4 values of the school into the rules allowing for a common language within the school.

Summer Fayre

Friday 5th June. Claire ran through list of stalls, prices etc from last year. Just going to run with the same stalls as last year but not to have home baking due to health concerns. **Max to contact Fun and Games to get price for inflatables for the fayre. Any raffle prizes will be gratefully received.** Staff to do soak the teacher again.

Fundraising

Suggestions: Family Race Night in March 2021
Special person tea – tea/coffee and biscuit with your child

Headteacher's update:

- Report cards currently being finalised – due out 27th March.
- 4 support staff off long term just now
- Talk for writing morning went well. Have had 72% of parents attend at least of the 2 'talk for' mornings.
- Breakfast club is busy, looking for parental volunteers due to staff absences.
- P7 Hoodies now light grey rather than apple green as apple green was discontinued.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 13th May 2020