

Parent Council, Fossoway Primary School
Minutes of Teams Meeting 18/05/22

Present (Parent Council Members): Natalie Harrower (NH, Chair), Mrs. Allan (FA, Head Teacher), Mr Haines (TH), Katherine Wallace (KW, Minutes), Gill Mundie (GM), Ruth Walker (RW), Jim Pritchard (JP), Lorna Hayes (LH), Christina Smith (CS),

Present (Parents attending): Deborah Cook (DC)

Apologies: Sadie Watson

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting (2nd March 22)

Approved as true record (proposed NH, seconded RW)

Approval emailed to KW following the meeting.

Matters Arising

- **School parking/ road access.** GM has been asked about the views of the PC regarding this. At one point the Council were going to close the road at drop off/ pick up times except for residents in the road with permits. NH – closing road entirely tricky for us, not always space in the Village Hall car park and live out of catchment so walking/ bus not possible. CS said haven't heard from the Council again, just the letter about a year ago – CS raised that the Council are surely responsible for a safe place to park? The Community Council are reviewing the Hall Car Park maintenance – as the Hall gets busier the car park is fuller anyway. KW raised that for local businesses the road being closed is a real worry – eg. Can't plan when deliveries or customers turn up! KW raised that she feels there hasn't been any community consultation re potential solutions – including one wide pavement all the way to the School so that children and families can safely walk side by side and not feel like they are 'tipping' into a busy road.

Action: GM follow up with Community Council if they can find out any more about Council proposals/ consultation/ plans.

- **Possible PC/ PTA merger.** Continued discussion about this as a possibility as both groups are looking for members & postholders moving forward. Discussion that there is value to the two organisations separate, but finding enough people to take part, plus manning the committee for the Breakfast Club, is a high demand on a comparatively small school with a limited number of families to contribute. FA observed that in most schools there is one overarching committee, there can then be subgroups for specific events/ issues. Discussion that PTA might be more viable as separate organisation if scale back activities – possibly will happen naturally with the financial constraints on families at the moment. Agreement that more thought/ consultation is required.

Action: JP follow up if PC funds could be moved to the PTA charity (rather than the other way round)

Action: NH talk to PTA & follow up with Council contacts regarding any logistics/ ideas on possible ways forward

2. Head Teacher Report

See attached Report.

Clarified that family and grandparents are welcome to the Sports Days.

The Parent Council minute sadness for the loss of Sade Cain and support for her family at this difficult time.

Discussion regarding the End of Term Leavers Service – all classes will have a performance included as it will be the first whole school gathering for so long.

The Parent Council minute thanks to Mrs. Allan for her huge contribution to Fossoway, especially through such difficult Covid times, and give flowers as a thank you from us.

3. Financial Update

JP updated:

- There has been no activity in the account since 27 February 22
- Balance is currently £1,902.92.
- They have applied for NH to be an authorised signatory – awaiting confirmation

4. Playground Update

FA put forward the views collected and recommended that the Playground be open out of hours. FA has been following up with the Council and acknowledges it has been a slow process. Currently this is still under review.

Action: FA to keep following up on Playground decision/ update from the Council

5. A.O.C.B.

Thank you. **A huge thank you to** CS for her many years of service on the Parent Council, including being Chair for much of that time! Virtual flowers given which NH will delivered tomorrow! Thanks also noted to KW. The PC wish CS & KW and their families well as they move onto High School.

Parent Council next year. NH updated that she can continue as Chair if required but is going into probationary year as a teacher which is very busy so would be grateful if someone else comes forward for the post. JP said he can continue in finance role but only has one year left at the school so it would be good to support/ mentor someone else taking over. The secretary post is open – or it could continue to rotate as has happened this year.

6. Next Meeting Date

Action: NH will check the diary and propose dates for next term

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