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Parent Council AGM Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 17th March 2021, 7:30pm

Attendees: Kirsty Cluff; Fiona Shinohara; Angela Thomson; Fiona Glass; Fiona Milne; Councillor Stewart; Merle Boyd; Theresa Ewan; Kirsten Taylor; Lynne Binnie; Sarah Isles

Apologies:

Finance Update:

MB (Treasurer) is still awaiting access to the bank account online, however, the figures provided by Lee McGuigan (past treasurer) who continues to have access to the account advises that there is £1497.23 in the bank account; £184.24 in paypal and £12.35 in petty cash. The total amount of funds at present is: **£1693.82.**

Head Teachers Update:

Staffing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full complement in place • Extra 1 day per week teaching (Mrs Clow on a Friday in P1/2) & 15 hours per week (Mrs Jamieson – 8 hours & 36 mins and Anne Corke – 6 hrs 24 mins) PSA for Covid Recovery. This takes us up until Easter. Applications for after Easter have been halted meantime.
School Budget		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Fund – £2561.89 in the fund. All has been committed to playground marking/ Living Communities, Science Grant etc with £403.61 remaining. • DSM – approximately £775.70 left until the end of financial year. Hoping to replace some ipads/ laptops if there is an underspend by the end of the financial year on 5 April • PEF - £8224 & £1325 cf was allocated for this financial year. This has been fully committed through; extending PSA staff hours, Pupil Support Teacher.
Diary dates		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 01/04/21 – Easter Holidays • 22/23 & 29 April – Cycling for P6/7 • 03/05/21 – May Day Holiday • 04/05/21 – Heath Week

School Improvement Plan		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Digital Technology</i> – no update but previously well up to date • <i>Health and Wellbeing</i> – no update but will be focusing upon pupil mental health now the whole school is back • <i>Writing</i> – no progress but will remain a focus now pupils are back in school • <i>School Vision, Values and Aims</i> – remains a focus now that pupils are back in school
Principal Teacher Report		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See attached

Return to school for P4-7

- Pupils have returned successfully this week – focus on relationships and consolidation of learning from this term/ assessment with a view to using this information to inform planning for Term 4.

Further information from Head Teacher and Principal Teacher

Mrs Glass advised that her responsibilities are in relation to Rights, Respecting Schools. Microsoft Teams is the means of the P7's exercising their responsibilities in relation to the meetings required. There is a focus on global awareness of human rights of others for pupils in school.

Pupils can take part in Comic relief day on Friday where there is a super-hero day.

Mrs Glass wishes to thank the school support staff who continued to be in school every day during lockdown and their hard work was much appreciated. The children very much benefited from the PSA input.

Smart boards are being removed from classrooms and Promethean boards are being fitted instead. There is a smart TV link to the ipads and the boards are more interactive than the smartboards. They are now recognised within PKC as being outdated.

Assessment of children was discussed. Mrs Thomson advised that the re-establishing of routines is important as well as assessing where the children are in their learning. This will be done via observations and will inform future planning.

Prior to Christmas the children were practicing for their SNAZA's (Scottish National Standardised Assessments). These tests will be completed by P1, P4 and P7. The purpose of these tests is to

determine efficiency of learning. These will be completed by the children in the classes noted after Easter.

Quotes have been provided to school by 3 companies and their prices ranged from £3000 - £1500. DMR markings came back with the best price and markings have been agreed with the company so that there is suitable markings appropriate to the ages and stages for use of all of the children in school. The total cost for this is £1530 and the school funds will cover the whole cost. The work will be completed in the Easter Holidays so that the paint will have adequate time to dry.

Mrs Thomson requested that the parent council purchase the Education City Licence as the children used this a lot during lockdown. The majority of the committee were in agreement with this and total cost for the Parent Council is £487.50.

Leavers Hoodies

Considerable discussion took place around gifts for the P7 leavers.

Theresa Ewan suggested the book the Boy, Mole, Fox and Horse as a leaving gift due to the difficult time the children have been through with lockdown and the inspirational pictures and quotes that they could dip in and out of as they go through life and was symbolic of the time of the last years in primary education.

Hoodies was also discussed as P7's last year all received a leavers hood fully funded by the parent council. School staff reported that they were from Sprinters and were of good quality and washed well. They were £17 each.

Mrs Kass reported to Mrs Thomson that she had spoken to the P7's about their views about leaving and they are hoping for a 'big day out'. Discussion took place around the likelihood of this being able to happen, all agreed it's too early to make plans as it is unclear what the restrictions will be at this time.

Kirsty Cluff expressed concern around the finances of family's in the visit and the disappointment for children if they are unable to participate in a day out with their peers or not have a leavers hoodie due to limited finances. All agreed that no child would miss out and schools also have hardship

funds for family's in difficult circumstances. Welfare Rights service by Perth and Kinross Council can also provide support to family's to maximise their income.

No decision was reached in relation to leaving gifts, further discussion will take place once it is clear what Covid restrictions may be.

Perth Academy Feeder School

Sarah Isles wished to clarify if Burrelton Primary School is still a feeder school for Perth Academy as she noted on a website that it is no longer documented as one on a website she looked at. Mrs Thomson advised that Burrelton Primary School is within the Blairgowrie Cluster, however it is still a feeder school for Perth Academy to the best of her knowledge. It was confirmed that there are P7's transitioning to Perth Academy in the summer.

Visitors in School

There are still no visitors allowed in school due to Covid restrictions. This is under regular review. Visitors can still virtually visit via Microsoft teams.

Any other business

No other issues were identified for discussion.

Next meeting to take place on Wednesday 19th May at 7.30pm on MS Teams

