

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

27/08/2020, 6pm

In attendance: Laura – Chair , Tamsin - Treasurer, Catriona - HT, Rachael.

Apologies: Kirsty Banks – Secretary.

Previous Minutes: No matters arising

Catriona update:

- Classroom set up - P4-7 are in the top classroom, P1-3 are in the old Nursery room, the internal door has been opened up between the Nursery and the Hall which creates a great space and allows easy flow through the school, a one way system in effect for all to follow. It is working very well.
P1-3 room is kept just for them, so no one else is touching their toys and learning tools. Ms McTeir and Mrs Waddell, the Classroom Assistant, go between those two rooms so that all children are supervised and supported with their learning tasks.
- 'Teams' is still being used in the classroom, like it was during homeworking. Homework can be done on it. They are getting very used to it and this will be useful in case things change and we have to go to blended learning.
P6-7 have their ipads now and are really enjoying using them in class and at home. Mrs Finn and Ms McTeir are learning how to use them along with the children and they are having weekly training sessions.
- The government has put in place Covid funding for schools. Mrs Finn has previously asked for a second teacher for the school as our numbers are getting high for one teacher, this was rejected as we were not above the specified number for 2 teachers but we have been given some additional Classroom Assistant hours that we can use to get another Classroom Assistant. So we will have 3 adults for 19 children which is amazing.
- Covid rules are not really having a massive impact on the children, they are used to seeing people in masks and are washing and sanitising their hands more often and use only their equipment when learning. The school is fortunate to be in one big bubble together, we do not have to mix with other classes etc.
- Teachers are only allowed to visit one school in one day, so we still have our PE teacher coming in on Mondays and our music teacher comes in once a fortnight now for 2 hours of music and additional support in the classroom on Thursdays.
The school is very well staffed.

School Improvement Plan

- The main aim is to get the children back on track in their learning from being off for so long due to Covid closure.
- The school is in the process of making a loose parts area round by STEM HQ for the children to use and a plea for items will be sent out soon to help fill it.

Treasurers Report

- **Accounts update:** Current balance is £2126.78. The school has just received the bill for the new school sign so that is to be paid, which was £647.50. Also the school asked for £36.36 for the payment of some new bookbags for the new students.

- Tamsin advised that it was time to pay for the school's app and website for the next year. However the council is encouraging schools to use 'Xpressions' now as their app, so Tamsin is not using the school app so much now but if we lose that app, we will lose the website as well as it is linked to it. So Tamsin is looking into seeing if there is a way around that as we do not want to lose the website. The cost of the App and Website is £290.00 for the year.

Fundraising

We are limited as to what we can do at the moment due to Covid restrictions.

Tamsin advised that the 50/50 school lottery has finished, so she will send out letters soon so that we can start that again for the next year. Tickets are £10 for the year and the more people get involved the bigger the prizes. This is an easy and fun way to make some money for the school. Friends and family can get involved too.

Committee Roles

Laura Campbell will continue her role as Chair.

Tamsin Ashby will continue her role as Treasurer.

Kirsty Banks will continue her role as Secretary. Advised previous to the meeting.

All agreed.

NEXT PARENT COUNCIL MEETING: TBC