

## **Parent Council Meeting Minutes**

24/01/2020, 12pm

**In attendance:** Laura, Catriona, Kirsty, Tamsin, Christine, Emma

**Previous Minutes:** No matters arising

**Accounts update:** Current balance is £2896. Cost of Swimming and the bus to get there to come off yet as well as P7 hoodie.

**Judy Murray Foundation:** They're looking to train people up to teach kids tennis skills. There's a 90 minute session to train people up. Tamsin will email this out to everyone to see if anyone is interested.

**Live Borders:**

- Looking for a contact in each village who is well informed of each community.
- They are thinking of starting some sports/crafts activities for Friday afternoons. Might do in Village hall but want to link up with village events. Maybe we could share this with the village hall committee?

**Catriona update:**

*School Roll*

- 4 enrolled for Nursery – one doesn't start until Jan. All are split placements though.
- We have 19 p1-7 starting in August. If we had one more, we would HAVE to go to 2 teachers
- If we had 2 classes, we would have a strong argument to have Nursery here linking with the lower class.
- Have had a few enquiries of people interested in sending their children here.
- So next year, we could have Nursery and 2 teachers, or we could be as we are now.

*Current Routines*

- 2-7 class routines are well-established. Movement of groupings working well.
- Children are getting into a routine well so Ms McTeir is now better able to concentrate on focussed-teaching groups whilst the rest of the class are learning independently.
- Afternoons the class is trying to get a balance of all the other curricular areas.
- New classroom assistant – Heather Waddell. Working really well
- We are lucky as additional music has been kept, so we have 2 hours of music a week. P1-4 having the additional music sessions currently
- P4-7 doing European topic currently, ties in with Brexit! Helps them understand what Brexit is all about too. They are engaging with Technology too, through bridge design which ties in maths.
- Going on a trip to the Forth Road Bridge at some point. They have a workshop they run up there. Session runs from 10-2pm. It will be an early start and coming back later. Transport is over £200, would be good if Parent Council could fund this cost. This was given the go-ahead by all present.
- Looking at a possible Planetarium visit later in the year put on by the Royal Observatory - £250 costs.

- Emma knows someone who owns a transport company in Jedburgh – will enquire on costs for this and check if they are SBC approved. Tamsin's quotes on this to date have been £260 for the Forth Bridge trip.

### **Fundraising**

- Idea - Tea Towels, BGH table, Beetledrive? Bingo night in the hall?
- Pig racing – KB knows someone who has the stuff. Will enquire. Date suggested - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 3pm.

**Laura suggested possibly having another open day to put the message out there about the school.**

**NEXT PARENT COUNCIL MEETING: TBC**