

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

05/12/2018

In attendance: Christine (Chair); Tamsin (Secretary); Mrs Finn (HT); Karen, Emma.

Previous Minutes: agreed and no matters arising.

Head Teacher's Report:

- Nursery to P4 class. Working well. The Nursery has been temporarily moved into the hall to allow for more free flow, the Nursery still have their own identity. The work on the door will be happening in the February break and we will get an updated kitchen area.
- Christmas Preparation. All going well. A letter will go out asking for costumes to be in school by Monday. Also have our carol concert where we take our reverse advent donations to the Church and do readings and sing songs. This year we are asking for a 50p donation for the Christmas party, and then the school will buy some food and drink for the pupils. This will be easier and eliminate waste. They will be getting a book as a present.
- Literacy and Numeracy. Still focused on number talks and creating a solid concept of understanding maths. Children are making positive progress due to this. In Literacy the focus is on early literacy and developing skills from 3 to 6 years and beyond. There is 10 hours of training this year for all Nursery and P1 staff.
- School Roll Projection. Nursery - 4 pupils, possibly more, enrolment isn't until January.
P1-7 – 26 pupils will be either P1-3 and P4-7 or P1-4 and P5-7 depending on Nursery set up.
There was a discussion around the government roll out of additional hours for nursery. All children can take up additional hours from August 2020 with some settings offering this earlier. Some settings across the Scottish Borders already offer this to children who live in certain areas. From August 2019 all schools in the Kelso area except Sprouston will begin to work to the new model. Sprouston is included in the group of schools who will offer this from August 2020. This means our hours of opening will remain the same for 1 more year.

Items Discussed:

- Handbook – It was discussed that we needed to have an entry from the Parent Council for our Handbook. It was decided that we would include fundraising events that had happened in the last year and what the money had been spent on. Tamsin will write something up and run it by Christine to sign.

- Swimming Transportation – Tamsin has looked into many different options for the transport for swimming. The best and least expensive option is with Peter Hogg for £80 per day. Swimming is a 6 week block, so the total to pay will be £480. It was agreed that the PC would pay for this.
- National Geographic Kids Subscription - A subscription has been ordered and the P5-6 class are enjoying their magazines. We are still waiting on the invoice for this. Tamsin will send it to Delia when she receives it.
- Christmas Pantomime – The transportation to Berwick for the Pantomime will be £168 using Howard Snaith.
- Christmas Play – It was agreed that the Parent Council would provide teas and coffees, juice, mince pies and biscuits at the end of the performance.
- Parent Volunteers – It was decided that a letter should go out to ask for parent volunteers to help in classes with activities.
It was also decided that we should try and hold a fundraising meeting one day just before pick up time to try and get as many parents as possible involved and try and get some new ideas to raise funds for the school. Tamsin will send a letter out to see what times are best for people.
- Bouncy Castle Fun Day – It was mentioned in a previous meeting to have a bouncy castle fun day when the new year commenced in August but it was too difficult to organise at the beginning of the term. Mrs Finn suggested having it after Sports Day in June. The weather may be an issue, it was mentioned that the Village Hall may be an option to hold it in if the weather was not good. Arrangements to be discussed at the next meeting.

Treasurer's report:

The Treasurer was not in attendance. Update at next meeting.

NEXT PARENT COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday 13th February 2019 at 6pm.