Parent Council Meeting Minutes

19/06/2019 – 6pm

**In attendance**: Tilly, Laura, Emma, Catriona, Lorna, Kirsty, Christine, Tamsin, Rachael, Delia

**Previous Minutes**: No matters arising.

**Creation of the new committee:**

Secretary – Kirsty

* Tamsin stepped down as secretary. Many thanks for fulfilling this role, Tamsin. Kirsty came forward for this role, seconded by Lorna.

Chair - Laura

* Many thanks to Christine for standing as Chair for so long. Laura came forward for this role, seconded by Catriona.

Treasurer - Tamsin

* Many thanks to Delia for being treasurer for many years. Tamsin came forward for this role, seconded by Rachael. Receipts have to be sent to an accountant annually. The School fund is done annually too.
* Currently Delia and Christine are signatories. Tamsin, Laura and Kirsty will need to be put on too.
* Last statement was May, current balance £3,619.30
* Catriona has applied for a Charity Begins at Home Grant, and proposed that we use the money for swimming.

**School Sign:**

* A school sign is going up, being mounted onto the school fence posts. All agreed the bigger the better, but need to ensure it fits onto the fence posts ok.
* Wilson signs in Hawick have given us a quote for this sign. They can come to mount it for us – need to get in touch with them to give us some advice on this. Cost is £480.

**Outdoor area:**

* Catriona gave huge thanks to all who painted the fence, shed and who have been involved with tidying up the grounds these past few weeks. It is all looking really great.
* School Improvement Plan for this year will focus on embedding outdoor learning into the curriculum. It will focus on how we use and maintain the school grounds as a part of school life, ensuring that the children are playing a large part in this.
* Also a focus on Home Economics – at Kelso High School children have 2 lessons a week in this, looking to increase this in the curriculum too and linking it to growing in the school grounds.
* Willow tunnel needs pruning, difficult as it’s so high. Certain times of year are best to do this. Is there anyone we know who could do this for us and could include the children in the process? Possibly Anna Craigan, or she might know someone who could. Tamsin will contact her. Could also put a post on social media to see if anyone has expertise in doing this and could engage the children with this. Richie Donnovon has offered to strim the inside.

**Open Day**

* 3 families attended. Considering printing more fliers and holding an open day just before P1 enrolment in November.
* There are no new P1’s next year, there will be no P7’s leaving either. Class structure not changing, there will be 10 children in each class.

**Photographer**

* In school today – a new company. Photos are quite modern, outside on the climbing frame. Reasonable prices, ordering process is online. These will be lovely to have on the Facebook page/website too.

**Harestanes Trip on last day of term**

* £150 bus, £30 for the room. Delia proposed that parent council should pay for ice creams as was the case last year. All agreed.

**Sports day (tomorrow)**

* Children can attend in Sports clothes
* 9:15 start. Break then 10:30 for races on the field

**Celebration Assembly – 2pm Tuesday 25th June**

* No leavers this year, so it’s a Celebration Assembly (rather than Leavers assembly). Each class doing something, some certificates will be given out too.
* Could we get Ian Lothian back? The children really enjoyed the work he did with them. Ian is part of the Youth Music Initiative - schools who don’t have a music specialist are prioritised for this input.

**“Loose Parts” for the outdoor area**

* We are still in need of guttering, cable reels, old wood, crates etc for the children to play with at break time. They use these resources to play with, working together using their creativity and problem solving skills to create structures and games in highly imaginative ways.

**NEXT PARENT COUNCIL MEETING**: Thursday 12th September, 6pm.