

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

22/03/2019 – 12pm

In attendance: Christine (Chair); Tamsin (Secretary); Mrs Finn (HT); Laura, Kirsty , Rachael, Lorna.

Previous Minutes: agreed and no matters arising.

Head Teacher's Report:

- Kelso Music Society

The school had been invited to a piano workshop that morning by the Kelso Music Society to see Richard Uttley perform and to ask questions. It went very well, the children enjoyed it. Sprouston and Ednam were the only primary schools invited.

- School Improvement Plan

It is nice that we have regular parents coming in to the school to help out and get involved. We still have Sharon coming in to help with the Chess club which the children really enjoy.

We are going to start getting together with the village's Friday club starting in April. A group from the village who meet up regularly in the village hall.

- Projected role for next term

We are losing 2 families from the school which will take our role down to 21 P1-6's and 2 nursery children.

We are not losing any P7's this year and will gain one nursery child to P1 in August. This will leave one nursery child when we begin in August but hopefully we will gain more throughout the year.

There is a possibility of changing the nursery hours to 2 full days and one ½ which may appeal more to parents and help our role.

There will be an update about this at the next Parent Council Meeting.

- IPADS

There has been a lot of information in the media about the council giving out I pads for school pupils. This is a whole package named 'Apple Teacher' of learning and teachers will be trained on it to deliver to the class. There will be no access for gaming. It is purely a teaching aid. The ratio is supposed to be 1 Ipad per 5 pupils but we will need to see how that works for a small school as it would be difficult to teach a class with that ratio. These will not be in circulation for at least a year in Primary Schools.

- Playground

We will be looking to spruce up the playground after the April holidays. The teachers will be doing activities with the children. Maybe need some parental involvement with painting tyres etc again.

Items Discussed:

- Race Course Fundraiser

The tea room fundraiser went very well, we had a great response and made a lot of money for the school.

- 50/50 Lottery

We have had a good response to this. We will send out another reminder to parents with a deadline of Wednesday 27th March and then have the first draw on Friday 29th March. This will not raise a huge amount for the school but will be a fun way to raise a little bit and have the pupils involved.

- Beetle Drive

It was decided that we will hold a Beetle Drive on Friday 10th May at 6pm in the school hall. We will serve tea, coffee and biscuits. Tickets will be sold beforehand so that we know how many people we will have to accommodate. If there are too many people for the school hall we will hold it in the Village Hall.

Tickets to be £2.50 per adult and £1 per child.

Again this will not raise a huge amount for the school but will be a great way to get the school community together for a fun night.

- Nursery

It was discussed how we can get some more pupils for Nursery. Ways to let people know that we are here as the school is not very visible as a Nursery. It was discussed that the school facebook page should be a public one, so that parents can comment and share things to get our name out there. Lorna will also advertise our school and nursery on the village hall facebook page and maybe do a spotlight article.

- School Sign

It was decided that the school could use a big sign visible from the road to alert people to the fact that we are here and not just as a Primary School but a Nursery as well. Tamsin to get a quote from Signs Scott, the company who made the other school signs recently.

Treasurer's report:

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

NEXT PARENT COUNCIL MEETING: TBA