

## Minutes from parent council meeting 19.11.2019

Apologise-Louise Walsh, Dawn Turner, Margo Latham, Lynzi Stewart, Liz Barron-Majerik, Fiona Coyle.

Parents/staff present-

Claire MacFarlane (Chair)- opened meeting and handed over to

### Councillor Update

Lewis Simpson (local councillor)

- Parking- the private road at the back of the school can be used by anyone as long as they park appropriately as there is no yellow lines etc to stop parking.
- Buses = the buses should not pass on the road near the school at the same time. The school must promote safe parking around the school so the buses can pass safely. The buses have cameras in them and are reviewed regularly.
- Council Budget coming soon they are getting the full £500,000
- Climate emergency- a check was done outside the school on air pollution and came back low.
- Please switch car engines off when sitting at the school. Walk where possible to school.
- Scone council committee are looking at having new Christmas lights put up next year and asked the school to have a design competition of a motif to have made into the new lights. 6months notice is required.

Lewis Simpson – Spoke to the council regarding Scone Thistle moving the cones and parking in the school grounds. The council cannot stop them but putting a lock on the gate was suggested as a way of stopping the cars entering the school playgrounds.

### Head Teacher update

Lynne Lambert- this term has been heads down and lots of hard work. Continuing the 5-point scale with pupils and staff and it is going very well. The 5-point scale is a scale we discussed at a previous parent Council meeting. It supports our learners to regulate. Teachers have found that sometimes the children are finding it difficult to play together at play times from agreeing on what to play, how to play or small fallings out. The school have been looking at 'big deals' and 'little deals' so that children can work together to sort out their differences. Also they as a school have been trying out new playground games such as , what's the time Mr. Wolf, tig games etc. It has been nice to see all the children of different ages come together during house activities.

The school continues to work on its key drivers - pace and challenge, engagement and creativity.

Supporting p1 parents evening was held and was a great success and plans for another event for P2&P3 are in the pipe line.

Up and coming we have – parents evening, P1-3 Christmas Nativity is under way. Every p3 child has apart from being a star to a sheep or a soldier.

P4-7 will perform in the community Christmas carol evening event.

P4-5 will put on an Easter show

P6-7 will again put on an end of term summer show.

The market stalls last week at parents evening seemed to go down well and may be done again next time.

In set days this month the staff will be looking at spelling programmes, engagement, and the wider achievement groups which will be running again after Christmas.

P3-7 age group will be mixed with things such as Glee, recorder, choir and digital learning. Hoping there is room for more parent involvement if anyone has skills or time to share.

***Parents at the meeting were invited to a class room to see the programme Oxford Owl which is on offer to help children at home with reading and writing skills.*** Miss Sichi demonstrated the online programme and all the parents present thought it looked great to encourage our children with their literacy at home.

#### Claire MacFarlane- Treasurer report

The disco total is still to be finalised. Currently £3500 in the bank. We donated £100 of Amazon vouchers to each of the teachers/base/nursery to purchase anything they required for their class.

£250 to the global happiness group

£250 towards gardening

We will get updates from each to share what it was spent on.

Halloween disco- £120 for the DJ. £300 on sweets, around 300 pupils attended,

We tweaked the disco as we always do as we are always looking for ways to improve it. Any suggestions are welcome.

Suggestion from AL (parent) other schools offer an ice lolly as part of the evening as it gets very warm and is a nice quick treat to hydrate them.

Claire thanked all the volunteers that helped for each disco without you all we could not put these things on.

The fancy-dress pop-up shop raised £66 thank you for your support.

Lynne- suggested we do a similar pop up shop of Christmas jumpers possibly next year.

Miss Sichi- suggested that in future we could please put the for-sale school uniform on hangers to make it easier for parents to see when buying.

### Chair update

Claire MacFarlane- the teddy bears that were donated will be hopefully sold at the up and coming Christmas events.

Kay Bisset – the cook book will be ready this week. 300 copies have been provided from SSE and will include their safety campaign will feature in the book. The books will be sold at the Nativity, Carol concert, school office, after school club, and parents from the fundraising committee, scone library also. 161 recipes were handed in thank you to all those who handed in one.

Claire MacFarlane- this year's Christmas raffle we plan on making up hampers if the school could please put out a message to ask families to hand in items to make these up. Items such as biscuits, wine, sweets, tins etc.

Lost property up date – huge thank you to Ally who takes time out to return items and inform us to post on facebook of anything lost.

Any other business-

A parent has suggested we speak to Dundee Uni and see if any students would be willing to test the air pollution around the school at different times of the day and times of the year ie summer when we are not at school then august once we are all back.

Claire MacFarlane closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending.