

Parent Council Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Attendees: Fiona Coyle, Liz Barron-Majerik, Debs Swan, Lynne Lambert, Lewis Simpson, Gaynor Hood, Kay Bisset, Shelley Cameron, Michelle Jamieson, Emma Smith, Louise Walsh, Lynzi Stewart, Margo Latham, Claire MacFarlane, Dawn Turner, Greer Crighton, Alison Lees, Kirsten Williams, Anna Lendrum, Emma Thomas, Claire Sinclair, Duncan Sinclair, Viktoria Paton, Sarah Price, Zena Katwain, Louise Walsh, Lisa Marshall, Vicki Sichi

Agenda		Action
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies CMc welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the committee.</p> <p>Claire MacFarlane – Chair Louise Walsh – Vice Chair Viktoria Paton – Treasurer Lynzi Stewart/Michelle Jamieson – Secretary</p> <p>Fundraising Team Claire MacFarlane, Louise Walsh, Viktoria Paton, Lynzi Stewart, Michelle Jamieson, Fiona Coyle, Gaynor Hood, Emma Smith, Dawn Turner</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of 16 May 2019 CMc asked if there were questions/comments about previous minutes, nothing noted.</p>	
3.	<p>Primary 7, Request for funding</p> <p>Ben, Fergus and Michael from P7 have been selected following an interview process to represent RDM at an event in Birmingham on global happiness. They have linked with the British Council and as part of the event they will link with other schools from across the world.</p> <p>The boys presented to the group to request funding from Parent council, they are also organising other fundraising events. Mr Boyd is leading the project. All children in the school will be involved in the project in some way.</p> <p>CMc proposed that the Parent Council donate £250 to the project. CMc to discuss further with LL.</p> <p>A question was asked on why the group was made up of all boys. LL confirmed that all the boys interviewed well. Others will be given other opportunities within the school.</p>	CMc
4.	<p>Lewis Simpson/Air Quality Update</p> <p>CMc introduced Lewis.</p>	

	<p>Lewis advised that the parking issue surrounding the school was not improving and has got worse since we have lost the use of the Wheel Inn car park. To encourage active travel it had been requested that an Air quality assessment was carried out. PKC had carried this out and a letter had been received from Oliver Law, Air Quality Graduate.</p> <p>The letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 contains 3 recommendations –  RDM staff maintain contact with parents encouraging them to avoid parking close to school when possible.  Encourage staff to use active or sustainable travel when travelling to school.  Install signage discouraging vehicle idling at problem areas.</p> <p>The letter also contained details of trial exclusion zones around 4 schools. If RDM is interested in being investigated as a potential zone they should contact PKC.</p> <p>The 20mph signs have been moved but the yellow lines need extended. Lewis is to raise this.</p> <p>Lewis provided an update to advise there is potential for Puffin Crossing to be installed opposite the park on Stormont road and also a path may be installed across the football pitch, both of which may encourage active travel.</p> <p>Lewis is meeting Stagecoach in 2 weeks to discuss the ongoing issue with buses mounting pavement etc, an update will be provided to Parent council following the meeting.</p> <p>A parent asked if there was potential for a Puffin crossing to be installed in Spoutswell road, Lewis will raise this.</p> <p>CMc advised that road safety banners had been made following the competition. VS said pupils do not know who the winners are yet as they wanted to have banners made first.</p>	<p>LL</p> <p>LS</p>
5.	<p>Headteacher update</p> <p>LL advised that pupils have settled in well to their new classes. RDM is fully staffed this year including specialist provision and there are approx. 550 pupils in the school.</p> <p>LM provided information on a 5 point scale that the school has introduced and they are using a consistent way of communicating. An emotions bucket has been introduced and LM provided a demonstration of how the bucket</p>	

	<p>works. If the bucket is full you may have a lot going on and teachers are working with children to ensure they are at a good place for learning.</p> <p>The school is looking to host a community Christmas carol and further details will be communicated.</p> <p>LL also advised that the school are looking for new tracksuits, possibly something the Parent Council to help with?</p> <p>GC asked LL about homework as child is receiving homework on individual sheets which means it is difficult to keep together. LL advised that all teachers work in different ways and there is no set way for issuing homework.</p> <p>GH asked if the school had considered using a wishing tree, children/teachers add a wish to the tree and parents can then pick a wish to provide. This could be done on parents evening and there is no requirement for parents to take a wish. LL said they had heard of it and was something they would consider.</p> <p>LW queried why open afternoons were on separate days. LL advised that they had felt p1 &amp; 2 parents needed to see classrooms earlier in term. LS raised that for some parents this meant taking 2 ½ days off work. GC and GH both raised the issue of how busy classrooms were on p2 open afternoon as there was only 1 time session. LL said feedback would be taken on board.</p>	CMc
6	<p>Treasurers Update</p> <p>The parent council has a healthy balance of £5555, however some of this money is already allocated. Parent Council received £695 from PKC.</p> <p>Fundraising Schools discos will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> November. They will support the Christmas events, although it has been decided not to have a raffle this year as we have requested several prizes in the past from local businesses. Cookbook, notes will be issued this week for pupils to complete and return to school by 23<sup>rd</sup> September.</p> <p>EM asked what support was offered following requests at parents evening. LW said there were approx. 6 responses.</p>	

	<p>Other sources of funding are to be investigated, a couple of parents offered support in completing grant applications. To apply for grants parent council need to know school requirements.</p> <p>KB provided an update on the cookbook and showed an example of what they are aiming to produce.</p> <p>AL requested that communication on school discos is clearer regarding whether or not there is a tuckshop.</p> <p>Halloween pop up shop – children will receive a note late in the week. Children can donate any old Halloween costumes at the end of September. These will then be available for children to purchase for £2 at the end of October.</p> <p>The school are collecting Aldi stickers for sports kits for school and everyone is encouraged to collect them. It is hoped that all children can add a sticker to the poster regardless of whether they have brought in a sticker or not.</p> <p>As the teddies previously collected were not used at the Duck race due to weather it is intended that they will be used at the Christmas event.</p> <p>Each teacher has received £100 Amazon voucher to purchase materials for their classroom. LL mentioned some teachers have put vouchers together to buy more expensive items which will then be shared.</p>	
8.	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Football Parents - It was raised again that parents from Scone Thistle were using the front of school for parking at evenings and weekends. This is not a new issue and LL confirmed that discussion was needed. It was also raised that parents are bringing dogs into the playground before/after school and out with school times. LS will contact football club to discuss.</p> <p>Parents also raised that children were cycling bikes in the playground, children are to be reminded that they should not be doing this.</p> <p>Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday 19 November 2019, 6:45pm for 7pm start</p>	