

Parent Council, Fossoway Primary School

Minutes 06/ 11/ 2019

Present: Susan Russell Darby (SRD, Acting Chair), Mrs. Allan (FA, Head Teacher), Mr Haines (TH), Katherine Wallace (KW, Minutes), Adelaide Carlow (AC), Barbara Cassels (BC), Christina Smith (CS – part of the meeting), Natalie Harrower (NH), Lorna Hayes (LH)

Apologies: Zoe Walthall (ZH), Isla Kerr (IK), Laura Sweet (LS), Sadie Watson (SW), Natalie Harrower, Sheena Mitchell (SM), Jim Pritchard (JP)

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (AGM) 11 09 19** – approved as true record (proposed AC, seconded SRD)

2. Matters Arising

- **Community Council Link.** No issues raised.
- **Playground Noticeboard.** Photos of PC Members & their children for the board please – send to CS.
- **Spreadsheet to track parental expenditure throughout the academic year.** Mrs. Wilson has set it up, agenda item each meeting.
- **PC Postholders for next academic year.** JP is shadowing SRD in finance this year, CS standing down as Chair at end of year – would like someone to come forward to shadow this year. Discussion that Chair could potentially be a different person for each meeting as a temporary measure if required.
- **P1 Induction and P1-3 Meet the Teacher.** Discussion that Mrs. Cummings will see if there is a demand for a meeting re Home Learning at the Parent Contact Meetings. FA has met with a group of current P1&2 parents to see what they would want for induction in future.
- **Safestart (Breakfast Club).** FA raised that Safestart need more children attending to be financially viable. PC re-iterated huge support for Safestart and members commented on the positive atmosphere in the sessions and that the children bring a buzz when they come out into the playground!
- **Music Tuition.** Discussion that parents don't seem clear on what music tuition is available in school/ when children are asked if they would like to be considered to take part. Discussion that parents may be able to encourage children if they know, and how teachers can re-enforce the opportunity to children. Also discussion about how there can be shared music experiences with Kinross High and that children are singing everyday in P1&2.

Action: All: photos for notice board to CS

Action: FA liaise with Mrs. Cummings re whether there is parental demand for a meeting re Home Learning

Action: FA follow up with LB re instructions for parents on digital packages such as Sumdog

Action: FA speak to Music service about how music tuition is publicised.

3. **Financial Report/ Use of Funds. See attached Financial Statement** - Closing balance is £1,68.42, plus the monies we understand is coming from the closure of Blairingone (£1,300). Expenses will be the School App and looking for other ideas. Lighting/ curtain for performances in the school hall and 'Education City software license for both School and Home Learning' were raised as a possibilities. SRD has applied for digital banking – aiming for the account to be read only as more than one signature is required for all expenditure.

Action: FA: Wish list from staff for PC funds

4. HT Input

See attached Head Teacher's Input.

5. Challenge Question/ Consultation on Vision and Values

Mr Haines introduced a discussion re the Vision and Values for the School and in particular how to embed them within the School. Ideas included Sharing assemblies focusing on the values, a question per Home Learning grid on a value, a self reflective question on each Home Learning grid, a school song that re-enforces the values, speakers re what the values mean to them (parents/ community), videos made by the children about the values.

Action: AC work with TH on a School Song

6. AOCB

None.

Date of next meetings:

5th February 2020

13th May 2020

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