

## Parent Council Meeting Minutes

18/9/2018

**In attendance:** Christine (Chair); Tamsin (Secretary); Mrs Finn (HT); Karen, Emma, Tilley.

**Previous minutes:** agreed and no matters arising.

### **Head Teacher's report:**

- Pupils settled in very well at the beginning of the new year. Class compositions are working well. Mrs McTeir has settled in nicely and everyone is very happy with her.
- This term classes are concentrating on numeracy and mental maths. Emerging Literacy.  
Resilience building – there will be parent workshops for parents to attend at a later date to explain the concept.

### **Items Discussed:**

- Tempest Photography – Are parents pleased with the photos they produce? It was decided that we would see how the next session goes for the individual photos in October and re-assess then.
- Christmas Gifts – It was asked if parents would be interested in their children producing a picture to be produced on mugs, Christmas cards, gift labels, if they would buy them and Parent Council could use it as a fundraiser. It was decided that that would be a good idea. Tamsin will look into it and arrange.
- New School App – Advised that it is up and running now and we have put a password on it so only the school community can have access to it. Parent council had previously agreed to pay for this. **Tamsin will send the details to Delia for payment.**
- School Website – It was brought up that the same company that has done the App can do a website for the school as well. Once the old website has been taken down by the council, we can get them to produce the website that will link in with the App. The cost of this is £110 for a one year subscription. **Parent Council agreed to pay.**
- Christmas Pantomime – Tamsin has booked the tickets for the pantomime this year, as booking early there was a big discount. Total is £168. **Parent Council agreed to pay.**  
There will also be the cost of the Minibus – Tamsin will get quotes for this.

- Swimming – Mrs Finn explained that the swimming costs are going to be higher this year as we cannot use Back n Forth transport anymore. Emma mentioned that there is a community bus that comes around the village, she is going to ask the driver if there is any possibility of using them for swimming trips.  
Emma also asked if the swimming trips had to be done in Winter as there was a problem with hair not being dry and then going out into the cold weather. Mrs Finn explained that there was not a lot of option with the times as the curriculum was busy at other times. It was decided that Tamsin would see if we could have afternoon times, so children did not have to go outside at lunchtime with wet hair.
- National Geographic Kids Subscription – Mrs Finn asked if the Parent Council would like to pay for a subscription to this for the P5-7 class. Subscription cost: £35 for a year. **It was agreed that they would.**
- School Handbook – It was discussed that the school handbook needs to be updated and that it should ‘evidence significant parental involvement in its development’. Mrs Finn and Tamsin will look into this and come up with an idea.
- Facebook – It was agreed that the school’s facebook page photograph needed updating as the children in it are no longer at the school. Tamsin to send Christine some photos of whole school.
- Disco – It was agreed that we would hold a Halloween Disco for the children on the 30<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm. Children to dress up and bring a dish in. It was suggested that parents could attend too and we could have tea/coffee and cakes. Then parents can take turns to be in charge of supervising children. It was suggested that the children could make some decorations for the party in art time. Michael Noon was suggested as a DJ.

**Treasurer’s report:**

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

**NEXT PARENT COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 6pm.**